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Third Atom Bomb Exploded In Nevada

Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 28.

The third atomic blast in four days jolted this desert gambling town early today as atomic scientists apparently continued "tickling the dragon's tail."

Everybody who felt today's blast agreed it was the strongest of the three.

The Atomic Energy Commission continued to say nothing about its experiment. But earlier in the month the Commission was authorised by President Harry Truman to use the Nevada range for test work.

The Commission announced at the time the tests would include experimental nuclear de-

Yachting Disaster 14 MEN FEARED DROWNED

Sydney, Jan. 28.

Fourteen New Zealand sportsmen were believed today to have drowned in the country's worst yachting disaster, climax to a storm wrecked ocean race.

Their three yachts, stranded in mountainous seas after sailing with seventeen other craft on January 23 from Wellington for Lyttelton.

Only one of the 20, competing in a race that was part of Christchurch's Centenary Celebration, completed the 175 mile journey.

Wreckage of one craft, Husky, manned by a crew of four, was washed ashore at Ohiro Bay in Wellington harbour on Saturday. Two other yachts, the Argo and the Hope both of Wellington, still are missing.

Royal New Zealand Air Force planes planned to abandon their search of the East Coast area between the capital and Lyttelton, original settlement of "Canterbury pilgrims," on Monday if nothing further is sighted.

Most of the competing yachts scurried for shelter before the suddenly whipped-up storm.

A fishing trawler on Saturday rescued six men from one drifting yacht, but abandoned the craft when towlines broke.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Condemnation Of Peking

THE weekend deliberations at Lake Success give rise to hopes that the United Nations are moving towards a compromise of divergent views which will eventually lead to morally just and practically honourable treatment of Communist China's intervention in Korea and the question of bringing about an end to the hostilities in that country and a negotiated settlement concerning its future. Mr Warren Austin, the American delegate, has relieved the apprehensions of his Western colleagues by giving an assurance that the United States will not press for the application of sanctions against China at this time. This is of first importance because it is the conviction of Britain and her Commonwealth partners that any such action must destroy all possible hopes of negotiations on the Korea problem. On the moral issue of whether Communist China should be declared an aggressor a growing unanimity of view is discernible; in fact only the Arab-Asian group and, of course the Soviet bloc, are now displaying any disinclination to make the indictment. And even these two factions are not prompted in their attitude by the same motives. The Arab-Asian group honestly believe that a resolution branding the Peking Government as an aggressor would have the effect of stiffening the Chinese Communists' resistance to negotiations. The Soviet bloc, on the other hand, will have no truck with such a resolution solely because it happens to be proposed by the United States and supported by some of the Democratic Powers. It is, therefore, probable that when a vote is taken on the motion Russia and her satellites will vote against it while the Arab-Asian countries will abstain, thus making it clear that they do not share any sympathy with the Soviet attitude of negation and obstruction. It is

Bases Too Close For Safety

Berlin, Jan. 28.

The Western Allies have decided their main supply ports of Hamburg and Bremen are too close to the Russians for safety.

Therefore, a new supply line through France is being created to feed the growing forces that will make up General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Atlantic pact bastion against aggression from the East.

US authorities disclosed the change today. The move was decided upon at a conference held in Fontainebleau, attended by military experts of the US, Britain, France and the Benelux countries.

The new plan calls for the British to be fed on overland routes from Antwerp and the Americans by rail and road from the French port of Bordeaux.

Hamburg is only 25 miles from the Soviet zone of Germany, where the Red Army has maintained upwards of a quarter million troops, equipped with several thousand tanks and some jet planes. Bremen is equally vulnerable.—Associated Press.

War-Time Air Ace Killed

Washington, Jan. 28.

Captain Don S. Gentile, famed US World War II ace in Europe, once called "Captain Courageous" by President Franklin Roosevelt, was killed in the crash of his jet plane today at nearby Forestville, Maryland.

Captain Gentile had taken off just 20 minutes earlier from Andrews Air Force Base on a routine flight, with one passenger. Officials said they had no idea yet of the cause of the crash.

His plane, a T-33 jet trainer, piled into a tree.

Captain Gentile was credited with downing 20 German planes in the air in World War II and six more on the ground.

In three years' service in the British Royal Air Force and the US Air Force he flew 182 combat missions over Europe.—Associated Press.

Miss 1951 Festival



Here is lovely, gracious "Miss Festival 1951" being helped out of a "coconut" by Mr Herbert Morrison during the celebration by the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain of their annual dinner and dance held recently in London. "Miss Festival 1951" is Miss Bemil Twigg, aged 21, of Highgate, who was chosen for the role for her grace, poise and charm.

Dramatic Rescue Efforts In Mountainous Seas

London, Jan. 28.

Five vessels battled against mountainous seas off the north-west coast of Spain tonight in desperate attempts to rescue the crew of the 9,720-ton tanker Janko which had broken in two.

The latest Lloyds messages said that members of the crew had been taken from the fore part of the ship, including one dead, as well as from the after part.

Conspirators Sentenced

Damascus, January 28.

A military court today pronounced sentence in the case of the "conspiracy against the country's security" which has occupied public opinion since September 6. Ten people are implicated, including Deputy Mounir Aklani, Lieutenant Colonel Baheji Kallas and Major Hassan Elkhayyer.

They were charged with conspiring in Hashemite Jordan to undertake a new military coup in Syria with a view to uniting Syria with Jordan.

The court acquitted for insufficient evidence Colonel Kallas, Deputy Aklani and Major Elkhayyer.

Four others were condemned, Rashid Kallas, and Moushiddine Mourad to five years imprisonment, and Rashid's father, Lieutenant Kallas to 18 months.—Associated Press.

DULLES TO GO TO AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Jan. 28.

An Australian government announcement at Canberra said tonight that Mr John Foster Dulles, President Truman's Special Envoy on a Japanese peace treaty, has accepted an invitation to come to Australia to discuss the pact.

He will arrive in Australia about the middle of next month for informal discussions with the Australian government, the announcement said.

Mr Dulles also is reported to have accepted New Zealand's invitation to go to Wellington for the same purpose—upon leaving here.

He now is in Tokyo.—Associated Press.

Puzzling Campaign

In Korea UN Patrols Cautiously Move Northward

From CYRIL AYNLEY

With the Forces in Korea, Jan. 28.

If the enemy is as puzzled as some of us are here tonight he must be very, very puzzled.

Last week we were dug in on a defence line ready to withstand a big attack. Tonight we were pushing cautiously northwards on the Western sector and picking out enemy nests in an area south of Seoul.

Army headquarters are using careful terms and state officially: "United Nations forces continued their limited objective attack on the Western Front as enemy resistance stiffened."

Greeks and Turks are engaged with Americans in this present probe. So far no Britons have been called in.

It is too early to draw conclusions but certainly the present moves have strengthened weakening confidence.

There is an air of briskness here tonight. Aeroplanes are parachuting supplies to forward areas. Small enemy pockets are willing under artillery barrages and air strikes.

On the other hand it is being asked whether the enemy is laying a trap or whether with Oriental patience, he is waiting for the Spring thaw which will turn the present iron-hard roads into a quagmire.

Meanwhile, among ruined villages in the valleys and on steep mountain sides the cautious advance continues.—London Express Service.

REDS FIGHT BACK

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

Chinese Communist forces, at bay on the approaches to Seoul, turned and fought back early today at advancing United Nations troops within 11 air miles south of that battered Red held capital.

A field dispatch from the Korean Western front said the Reds hit back with battalion-strength counter-attacks—upwards of 1,000 men.

Associated Press correspondent Stan Swinton, in a dispatch timed 1 a.m. said fighting was continuing.

American troops, supported by Puerto Rican and Greek units, advanced on Sunday on an average of three miles along a 40-mile front south and south-east of Seoul. Red resistance during the day had been scattered. This was the first reference to Greek troops in action. The censor would permit no elaboration.

The Allied advance in the West came during a personal inspection of the front by General MacArthur—his ninth since the war began seven months ago.

Before returning to his Tokyo Headquarters, the UN Supreme Commander conferred with Lieutenant General Matthew B. Ridgway, Eighth Army leader, rode in a jeep to a forward observation post North of Suwon, and flew over Seoul. Fighters escorted his personal plane, the "Goliath."

Singapore Black Market

Singapore, Jan. 28.

A shortage of shipping is helping to create a black market for British automobiles in Malaya, dealers say.

Impatient customers, prosperous from high profits in the booming tin and rubber trade, will pay almost any price to get a car. Upon delivery of cars they have long had ordered, some persons are selling them at prices \$500 (Straits) and more above the regular market cost.

Motor car dealers have complained to the Government and asked for an official order allocating only one car to each person and forbidding its resale.

The Motor Traders Association here has advised British auto manufacturers to ship vehicles to Malaya in great available shipping space.—Associated Press.

Mr. Bevin Much Better

London, Jan. 28.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who has been ill with pneumonia since Tuesday, was much better tonight.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that Mr Bevin's temperature was now normal and his condition "satisfactory."—Reuter.

ACCORDING TO DREW PEARSON:

Red China Withdraws From War

Washington, Jan. 28.

The radio commentator, Drew Pearson, said tonight that the Indian Ambassador to Red China had cabled his government: "Red China has withdrawn from the war and will not fight again below the 38th Parallel."

In his weekly radio broadcast, Pearson said the South Asian ambassador to Peking also called "this same report" to his government in Stockholm. He added, "That is why the Arab-Asian nations do not want to brand China an aggressor."

Pearson predicted that Congress this week that "the has found a firm will to resist Communism in every one of the Atlantic Pact countries and that it will be possible to build a defence against the Red Army."

According to the commentator, General Eisenhower will also say that though the political situation is extremely grave there will be no full-scale war in Western Europe in the immediate future.

He also said he believed General Eisenhower would tell President Truman privately, "At least three countries—Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands—must be told to increase their rearmament—or else."

He said that General Eisenhower also would recommend that "until France 'cracked down' on the Communists in its own army, no military secrets be entrusted to the French."

On the problem of German rearmament, he said, "He (Eisenhower) will recommend that the West go ahead and arm, forgetting about German troops. Then the Germans will think they have been left out and will clamour to join."—United Press.

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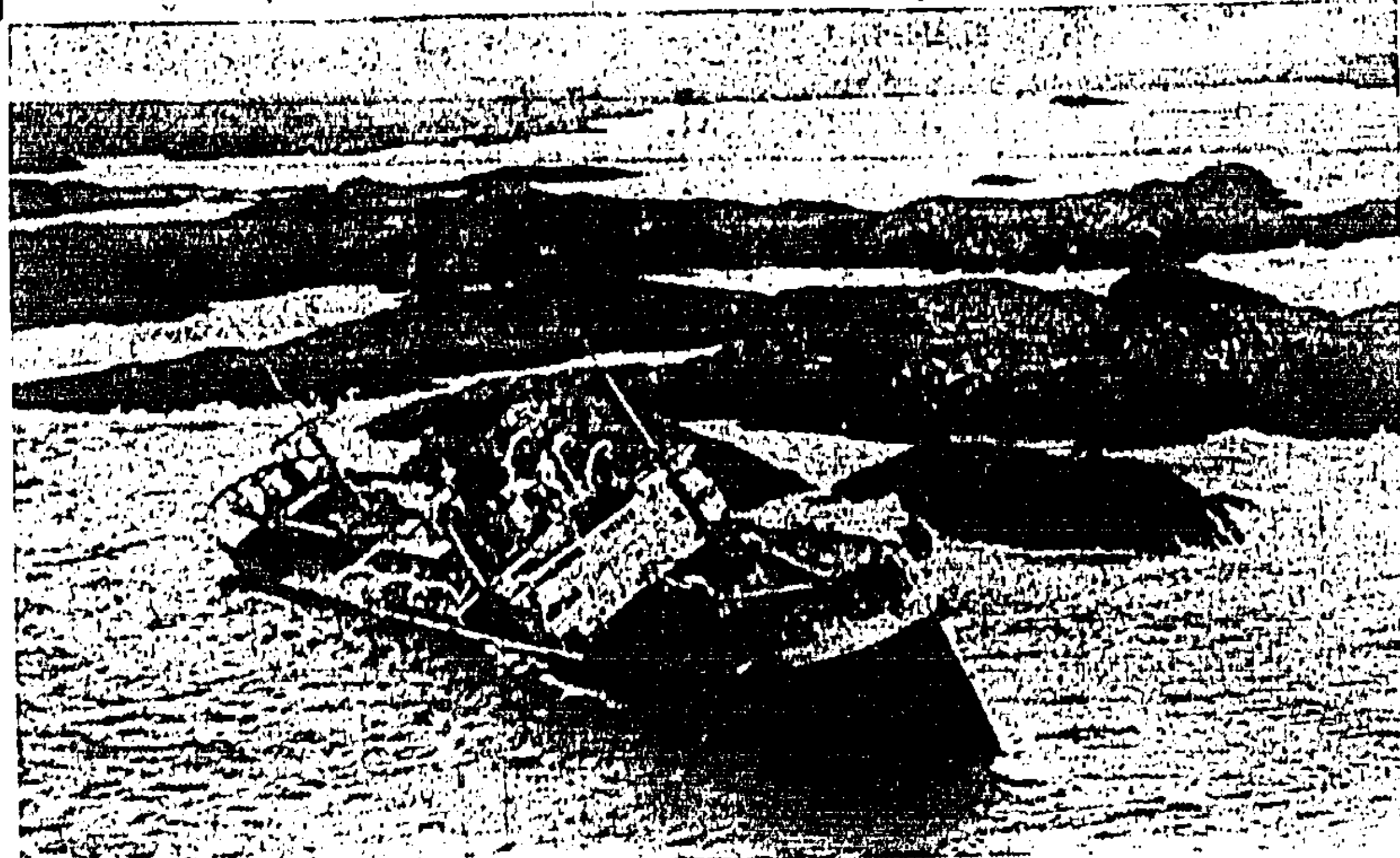
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Daring Rescue Off The Coast Of Scotland



Off the Isle of Coll, on Scotland's west coast, lies the British steamer Tapti. She lists 60 degrees to starboard—a "dangerous" angle to seamen. But her crew of 63 are safe ashore. The rescue operation which moved them in a storm and heavy seas was the biggest and most successful on the coast for many years. It was carried out by HMS Wilton, HMS Loch Tralig and lifeboats from Islay, Barra and Mullagh—London Express Service.

Truman-Pleven Meeting To Cover The Far East

Washington, Jan. 28.

American officials were tonight preparing for President Truman and the French Prime Minister, M. Rene Pleven, to open their conference tomorrow with a consideration of the urgent problems facing both their armed forces in the Far East, in Korea and in Indo-China, respectively.

The French Premier is expected to impress upon President Truman the similarity of France's position in Indo-China and the United States' position in Korea, and the conference should result in an exchange of assurances regarding mutual support, both military and diplomatic.

In particular M. Pleven will seek assurance regarding the policy to be adopted by the United States, should the Chinese Communists intervene by a direct invasion in Indo-China as they intervened in the Korean war last November.

The United States, for its part, is however not ready to make any firm commitment regarding such a development, apart from a speed-up in the despatch of military supplies and equipment to aid the French in Indo-China and promises of a continued firm "no appeasement" policy towards Chinese Communist aggression in the United Nations.

It is realized here that firm French support in the United Nations for this "no appeasement" policy so far as it affects the Korean war should stand France in good stead if the Chinese Communists should invade Indo-China in force and France should require the United Nations to come to its assistance there.

For the present there is no question of the United States sending troops to aid the French resistance to the Communist guerrillas there and M. Pleven is not expected to ask for troops.

ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 28. The French Prime Minister, M. Rene Pleven, arrived here today by air from Paris. United States and New York city officials greeted M. Pleven after he had stopped from his plane at Idlewild, New York's international airport.

He will spend the night in New York and leave by train tomorrow for Washington to begin talks with President Truman.

EASY ON RUSSIA

New York, Jan. 28. The French Prime Minister immediately plunged into consultations with the French Ambassador to the United States, M. Henri Bonnet, and United Nations delegates with President Truman in Washington.

M. Pleven, who is expected to advise Mr. Truman to go easy on Russia and urge him to help France build defences against Communism, was putting final touches on plans for the White House conference. He was whisked away from the airport immediately after an improvised press conference, at which he warned that there was no time to lose in establishing effective defences in the Atlantic Pact nations.

After consultation with his aides at the Waldorf, M. Pleven retired to his suite for a brief rest. He is to dine with M. Jean Chauvel, chief French delegate to the United Nations and will confer on the French attitude toward the current debate on the United Nations toward the new Arab-Asian resolution calling for a Far East conference.

M. Pleven and his party were scheduled to ride directly from M. Chauvel's Park Avenue apartment to Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

M. Pleven warned today that "there is no time to lose" in

establishing an effective system of defence for the Atlantic community of nations. He emphatically declared "there is absolutely no split between the United States and France" on foreign policy matters.

M. Pleven said the Western nations "face many problems all over the world" and "rearmament raises many questions."

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"It is therefore necessary that from time to time the heads of governments meet together, not to tackle details but to exchange information and viewpoints and thereby secure greater harmony of effort," he said. "That is the purpose of my journey."

M. Pleven's insistence on "absolute friendship" between the United States and France brought home the importance attached by France to American criticism that she is "dragging her feet" in defence efforts and is not fulfilling her share in building of Western defences.

It was clear from M. Pleven's remarks at the impromptu news conference at Idlewild Airport that he intended to settle with Mr. Truman high policy questions such as France's wish to see the Big Four Foreign Ministers meet as soon as possible.

M. Pleven was expected to clarify to Mr. Truman France's stand on German rearmament. "The purpose of my trip is to make closer the co-operation between the United States and France than it is at present within the framework of the Atlantic Pact. I am sure our conversations will strengthen our unity for good and the common cause."

INDO-CHINA ISSUE

M. Pleven had no immediate comment on French military requirements in Indo-China, saying he was not in a position to discuss it before he had talked to President Truman. It was known, however, that France wished to obtain more military assistance in her battle against the Communists in Indo-China.

M. Pleven and his party spent 10 minutes at the Customs inspection post before going into the airport press room for an interview. There they posed for pictures and M. Pleven shook hands with M. Bonnet three times for photographers—United Press.

Gasperi In Tough Mood

Rome, Jan. 28.

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, in one of the toughest speeches of his five years in office, said today that Italy wants peace but is ready for war and warned the nation's youth to be prepared to defend their country. Simultaneously, the Ministry of Defence announced that 100,000 cards had been sent to servicemen telling them exactly where to report in case of an emergency recall to the colours.

Speaking at the Rome Opera House before 700 cheering delegates of the Christian Democracy Party's Youth Congress, Signor De Gasperi was at his bluntest, using such phrases as "our iron will... our bitterest resistance... to combat Communism, partisans of invasion and aggression"—United Press.

Flyingboat Crashes

Malta, Jan. 28.

An Australian flying boat, taking 33 passengers from Europe to Australia, crashed on taking off from the sea south of Malta today. One passenger was missing, believed drowned, but the others were all safe.—Reuter.

Red United Front Of Indo-China

London, Jan. 28.

A meeting of "people's representatives" of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia has set up a committee to prepare the formation of an "Allied National United Front of Indo-China," according to a New China News Agency report received in London today.

A resolution passed at the three-day meeting said: "The peoples of the three countries must unite closely to render mutual assistance in their protracted war to defeat the common enemy and to achieve genuine independence and unification."

It described the common enemy as "French colonialists and American imperialists."

"The aggressive bloc headed by the American imperialists," it added, "is attempting to use Indo-China as a military base for the invasion of China and for suppressing the people's liberation movement in South-East Asia."—Reuter.

Flu Suspects Behind "Bars"

Perth, W. Australia, Jan. 28.

The 142 Australian-bound "flu suspects" from the British liner Oranienstein spent today behind barbed wire at the quarantine station at Fremantle, port of Perth.

None of them had influenza, according to Dr G. A. Murray, the Quarantine Officer, after a temperature parade, after which it was found that no fresh cases of influenza had been reported on the liner, since she left Fremantle yesterday for Adelaide, according to a radio message received here today.—Reuter.

Washington Urged To Meet Communist China At Conference Table

London, Jan. 28.

Three British Sunday newspapers, representing Conservative, Socialist and independent views, today urged the United States to meet Communist China at the conference table to solve Far Eastern problems.

The Socialist "Reynolds News" said that America "must bring itself to recognise that in justice and commonsense Communist China should be represented at the United Nations."

"With all its imperfections the United Nations, backed up by normal diplomatic relations, is the best machinery we have for solving the problem."

"China should be there, not glowering at the Western world across the snow-covered wreckage of Korea," it added.

The present attempts to brand China as an aggressor and impose sanctions "is an attempt to invoke powers which the United Nations just do not possess," the paper said. "Charges such as that made at Lake Success on Wednesday that the Chinese are trying to 'shoot their way into the United Nations' settle nothing."

"The United States shot its way into nationhood, and it has been a good thing for the world that it did." The problem, the paper said, was to absorb the movement of revolt in Asia—"just as significant as the revolt of the American colonies"—into the family of nations, "without first having to decimate humanity in an atomic war."

COMPROMISE URGED

The Independent "Observer" quoted a recent Gallup poll in America which, it said, showed 57 percent of the people in favour of admitting Communist China to the United Nations.

"In these circumstances we should not be hypnotised by a picture of the American people rushing unthinkingly towards war, ignoring the appeals of their allies."

The Observer said: "Our duty as an ally is to state our case, recognising how often America has come to meet our views in the past, and to strive for a compromise."

"In their policies the democracies are able—indeed, they can scarcely avoid—modifying and adjusting their course all the time."

CONFLICTING ELEMENTS

The Conservative "Sunday Times" pointed out that President Truman's own policy linked the "isolation" of Formosa with the Korean war. "Therefore, the diplomatic object is to end both the Korean war and the conflict over Formosa together," the paper said.

"It cannot be attempted without bringing the main parties to a common table."

The Sunday Times considered that Britain's position had two conflicting elements—"the need to stand in with the United States, and the refusal to accept a general war as inevitable."

On Korea the British policy had been "clear enough, though greater strength would have sufficed it."

On Communist China it had been "halling when it should have been firm," the paper said.

"Once our own decision to recognise the Peking Government had been taken, it should have been our business by every means to persuade the United States and others to follow suit."—Reuter.

Boy Scouts In Isolation

Brisbane, Jan. 28.

Eight hundred Boy Scouts from all parts of Australia were isolated for a week at their summer camp on Fraser Island when William Chandler, 16, contracted poliomyelitis.

The boys were spending a two-week camp on the island, which is uninhabited except for lighthouse-keepers and a few timber cutters.

When none of the other Scouts contracted polio, they returned to their homes.—United Press.

COAL FOR BERLIN HELD UP

Berlin, Jan. 28.

Eighty barges carrying 40,000 tons of West German coal, were held up on the Mittelland Canal today, causing an acute shortage of fuel in both East and West Berlin.

The barges were stopped between Brunswick, in the British Zone, and the Soviet Zone border because a lock in Russian territory was reported "out of order."

Brown coal from the East was arriving fitfully and in insufficient quantities. West Berlin authorities have ordered a "dim-out" and a drive to cut power and gas consumption in all municipal establishments.

In East Berlin, the coal shortage was even more evident. All State shops appeared to be economising on fuel to the extent of not using any. Well-heated Government-sponsored adult schools were overcrowded.—Reuter.

Treason Trial Verdicts

Damascus, Jan. 28.

A Syrian military court tonight acquitted seven men—including a colonel and an ex-Minister—out of 10 accused of plotting against the State. The other three got from 18 months to five years imprisonment.—Reuter.

Avalanche Victims Mourned In Tyrol

Vienna, Jan. 28.

Church bells tolled in every town and village of the Tyrol today for the first time in many days, ringing for the victims of Austria's disastrous avalanches a week ago.

The bells had been kept silent until today lest their vibration should dislodge new masses of snow. Final casualty figures have not yet been issued but official totals so far are 83 dead, 44 missing and presumed dead and 62 rescued after being buried.

Down mountain-sides and along paths still deep in snow, the Tyrolean peasants in their gay costumes flocked to the little village churches with their slender spires to pray for the victims of the mountains.

Many women wore the flat black hats with golden cords, the richly embroidered shawls, tightly-laced bodices and brightly-coloured aprons over wide black skirts which are their national dress.

The sturdy mountaineers, most of whom have been working nearly 20 hours a day clearing up the debris left by the avalanches, wore grey Tyrolean hats with green bands and a channels "brush."

In the tourist centres thousands of foreign visitors left their win-

ter sports to attend the special services for the dead. Everywhere the little mountain churches were crowded. Peasants and villagers gave little bowls from their small resources to collections in aid of the bereaved families.

The Bishop of Innsbruck, Dr. Ruch, who took the initiative in calling for the special services, today celebrated a special Mass in the Pfarrkirche at Innsbruck.

The Austrian Minister of Justice, Dr. Tschadler, and all members of the Tyrolean Provincial Government attended.

The services over, the peasants took off their Sunday best, put on their working clothes and went back to the vast job of clearing up the chaos left by the avalanches.

They are reopening roads and digging drainage ditches ready for the thaw. They are also beginning the slow task of clearing the fields which their ancestors won from the mountains and which from time to time the mountains claim again as their own with great falls of rock and rubble.—Reuter.

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CANADIAN PLANES FOR BRITAIN

Ottawa, Jan. 28. Canada, seeking the maximum striking power from her limited population, will put the accent on air force strength in her contribution to Western defence, it was understood here today.

Her plans, expected to be announced when the New Parliamentary sessions open here on Tuesday, will cover three main points:

- 1.—The sending of fighter squadrons to Europe or Britain.
 - 2.—The opening of her vast natural facilities to the Atlantic Pact nations for air training, and
 - 3.—The switching of a great part of her industries to the production of warplanes.
- This triple scheme, discussed with General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Atlantic Pact Commander, during his visit this week-end, will cost more than \$500,000,000 over the next 12 or 15 months.
- Observers believe that the plan will have the backing of Parliament.
- The plan was reliably reported to provide for the sending to Europe of 5,000 Canadian troops now in training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and the shipment of equipment for one infantry division to a West European nation in the wake of an equal amount already sent to Holland.
- These arms were paid from a \$300,000,000 arms aid appropriation last year.
- There is also the Canadian Navy.

watching Europe and the Middle East as the war danger points, rather than the Far East—which perhaps explains Canada's reluctance to go all the way with the United States in branding Communist China as an aggressor.—Reuter.

ESLER DENING IN COLOMBO

Colombo, Jan. 28. Sir Esler Denning, the British roving envoy in the Far East, arrived here today from Singapore on his fact-finding tour of South and South-East Asia.

During a week's stay he will confer with the Ceylon Prime Minister, Don Stephen Senanayake, and the British High Commissioner, Sir Walter Mankin.

Sir Esler is due home in March after a six months' tour of the Far East. He will give a personal report to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.—Reuter.

Returned By Australia

Canberra, Jan. 28. Forty-two of the 150,000 European migrants arriving in Australia in the past three years have been returned to the countries from which they came, the Department of Immigration has announced.

Most of these failed to carry out their contract with the Government to work two years at Government-specified jobs. A few others had committed serious crimes.—United Press.

Death Sentence Repercussions

Berlin, Jan. 28. Berlin political leaders today called on "all West German miners and trade unionists" to back Berlin in condemning East Germany's death sentence on 18-year-old Herman N. Joseph Flade, a student.

Flade was sentenced by a Dresden court under a new East German law "to protect peace." He knifed a policeman who caught him putting up an anti-Government poster.—Reuter.

Peking Attacks Dulles Mission

San Francisco, Jan. 28. The Chinese Communist Radio at Peking yesterday described Mr. John Foster Dulles' visit to Tokyo as an American "plot" to "rearm Japan."

Peking Radio quoted Chang Hsiao, Chairman of the "People's Institute of Foreign Affairs," as saying that the rearmament of Japan "threatens peace in the Far East and the world."

He added: "The Chinese people will take joint action with other peoples to smash the American plot."

The broadcast said the Chinese people demanded that an overall peace treaty with Japan be concluded swiftly, but opposed American aims for a separate treaty with Japan.—Reuter.

AUTOMATIC PILOT FOR JETS

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23. America's newest jet fighters will have an "electrical co-pilot" which, its makers claim, will guide it accurately through loops, rolls and other dog-fight manoeuvres, it was announced here today.

Designed by the manufacturers as the first automatic pilot with "unlimited manoeuvrability," the gadget device will be installed in the F-104-C fighter plane being built for the United States Air Force by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

The makers claim that complete manoeuvrability is achieved by the use of three "non-jumbling" gyroscopes locked to the plane. Conventional "auto-pilots" contain gyroscopes which would "tumble" if the pilot put his plane through intricate manoeuvres, and would send the aircraft into a series of dangerous gyrations.

The makers claim that with the "auto-pilot" at the controls, the plane will be able to make the steepest dives, turns, rolls and loops with ease.

Where manual controls would require perhaps a 50-pound force on the stick and rudder, the "auto-pilot" enables the human pilot to achieve them almost without effort on a single control knob, they claim.—Reuter.

Finns Mourn Mannerheim

Helsinki, Jan. 28. Finland today mourned the passing in a house of her national hero, Marshal Carl Gustav Mannerheim, Helsinki Radio broadcast a knell before announcing the news of his death.

The Communist Press, critical of the Marshal because he commanded the victorious National Army against the Bolsheviks at the end of the first World War, carried only a short agency message.

Flags were flown at half mast throughout the country. Photographs of the dead Marshal draped in black appeared in the windows of many shops and homes.

The remains of the late Marshal will be brought to Finland, where it is expected here that they will be given a State funeral.—Reuter.

Demonstration Against Rearming The Japanese

Edinburgh, Jan. 28. Ex-Servicemen demonstrated with banners protesting against German and Japanese rearmament outside a hall here where the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, was speaking tonight.

The demonstrators, from the "Ex-Servicemen's Protest Committee," sent into the meeting a resolution calling on the Government to repudiate "the policy of rearmament for Germany and Japan."—Reuter.

Jet Pioneer's Tour

Nicosia, Jan. 28. Sir Frank Whittle, the British jet engine pioneer, left here tonight for Israel on the next leg of his Middle East tour in search of aerodromes suitable for jet airliners.—Reuter.

Indian Warning Against Branding Of Red China As Aggressor In Korea

Lake Success, Jan. 28. India has information that Communist China will slam the door on peace negotiations if the United Nations brands it an aggressor, informed sources revealed today.

The Assembly Political Committee will resume the debate on the American "aggressor" resolution on Monday morning with American sources predicting one-sided approval before the day is out. However, the consensus here is that new amendments to the American proposal and the Asian-Arab call for a Far East peace parley will delay a showdown vote until Tuesday at the earliest.

Another factor making for delay is the expected argument over which resolution should be voted on first.

A highly reliable informant said the Indian delegation had word that Mao Tse-tung's regime would rule out further peace talks if the condemnation resolution were approved.

The resolution not only would find guilty of "engaging in aggression" but would launch an immediate study of punitive measures.

The Indian delegate, Sir Benerup Rau, doubtless will point up this information when he takes the floor on Monday to amend the Asian-Arab proposal for an immediate seven-nation peace parley. The amendment, to be completed at an Asian-Arab caucus at 10.30 a.m., will call for a Korea cease-fire to be the first business of the peace parley.

MIDDLE OF THE ROAD For many weeks, cease-fire efforts have been blocked by Peking's refusal to accept cease-fire as the first approach. However, the latest Chinese Communist offer to be made public agreed to negotiation of a cease-fire by the peace parley before it took up broad Far Eastern issues.

The United States feels the United Nations can no longer avoid calling an aggressor and an aggressor it says any negotiating can be carried on without delay by the three-man team provided for in the American "aggressor" resolution. Most members of the Indian-led Asian group, however, see little chance of Peking dealing with the new team envisaged in the American proposal. Efforts are still being made by middle of the road delegations, chiefly Britain and

Israel, to soften the language of the American resolution but it was not certain what, if any, amendments would be formally introduced.—United Press.

Scientists Back Dean Acheson

New York, Jan. 28. Republican Party moves to unseat the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, were described as "a disturbing danger" in a statement issued here today by 875 American social scientists.

The scholars, from 77 colleges and institutions in 30 States, urged firm support of Mr. Acheson, "in spite of the position recently taken by the Republican majority in Congress."

The statement was released on behalf of the other signatories by an informal committee composed of Mr. Harry D. Gideonse, President of Brooklyn College, Mr. Allen Nevins, history professor at Columbia University, Dean Paul Appleby of Syracuse University and Dean Edward Mason, of Harvard.

"We can see no way in which the replacement of our Secretary of State could strengthen or advance our policy or our world position," the statement said.

Such an action "would constitute a tragic retreat, opening our policy to disintegration, and so confusing and weakening our leadership in the world."

The statement described Mr. Acheson's policies as reflecting "imagination, world understanding and hard-headed practicality."—Reuter.

PLANS FOR INVASION OF CHINA

Washington, Jan. 28. The Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Wellington Koo, said today that Nationalist China will submit plans for invading the Communist Chinese mainland "when the time comes." He made the statement in a television interview.

Dr. Koo said the Nationalists have 600,000 troops on Formosa, about half of which could be spared for an attack on the Red-held mainland. But military supplies would be needed for a "prolonged fight."

Dr. Koo said his government is now getting some aid from the United States, consisting mostly of "spare parts" and a "limited amount" of ammunition.

Dr. Koo said his government would be willing to participate in a conference aimed at settling the Korean war and outstanding Far Eastern problems. But he said the United Nations should waste no time in branding the Peking regime as aggressor in Korea and follow this up by any punitive measures the United Nations considers feasible.—United Press.

A General's Views

Los Angeles, Jan. 28. Colonialism is finished in Asia and in other parts of the world, Major-General Graves B. Erskine, Commander of the United States Marine Corps Department of the Pacific said yesterday.

General Erskine has just returned from South-East Asia as chief of the military section of the joint State Defence Department Mission conference about Communist problems there.

He told a Press conference that Thailand was the only country in South-East Asia where a white man could venture out on the street without an escort and not risk being knocked on the head.—Reuter.

US Army Faced With Urgent Task In West Germany

Heidelberg, Jan. 28. The United States Army is faced with the urgent task of almost completely re-equipping its troops in Germany with heavy ordnance items, notably tanks, artillery and vehicles.

It is a paradox that while the United States in 1950 sent its Allies throughout the world some 725,000 tons of military equipment, American forces in Germany have had to procure badly-needed ordnance, signal and quartermaster items from World War II American Army surplus stocks turned over to the Germans for sale on the civilian market.

The thin screen of American forces facing the Russians in West Germany is equipped almost entirely with World War II weapons and vehicles, most of which were in Germany when the war ended.

Tanks are a critical item. The United States tank strength in Germany is approximately 600, divided between the World War II Pershing and the light Sherman, which mounts a 75-mm. cannon. The Pershing, with a 90-mm. gun, has been made obsolete by the Patton tank, an improved version of the Pershing, although no Pattons have yet arrived in Germany.

Seventeen tanks of a limited number taking part in the last big United States Army exercise were stalled by engine failure and five others by transmission breakdowns in the first six days.

Major General L. D. White, Commanding General of the United States Constabulary and the present Deputy Commander of the new Seventh Army, has issued a warning that the United States Army's equipment in Germany is old, has seen hard service in the war and will not stand up under future hard field operations.

General White said there was a necessity for new and reliable equipment. He added that Washington should be kept informed "so there will be no misunderstanding of our combat efficiency."

Army supply officials at the European Command Headquarters here, declared that "supply economy," the Army's euphemism for salvage and repair, will be imperative for many months in spite of the loosening of the purse strings for American rearmament.

For several months now the Headquarters' supply chiefs have been conducting an "across the board" rummaging of STEG's supply yards for serviceable military equipment, mainly quartermaster items and motor parts.

STEG is the German public corporation set up to handle the sale to the Germans of surplus United States Army equipment.

In an effort to extend the life of aged equipment, the Army has formed an elaborate chain of "ordnance rebuild shops" which, by a process of cannibalisation of parts, have worked miracles in utilizing cast-off ordnance items.—Reuter.

Philippine Survey Of Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 28. Twenty-six prominent Philippine industrialists and engineers are expected here from Manila on Tuesday for a one-month industrial survey.—Reuter.

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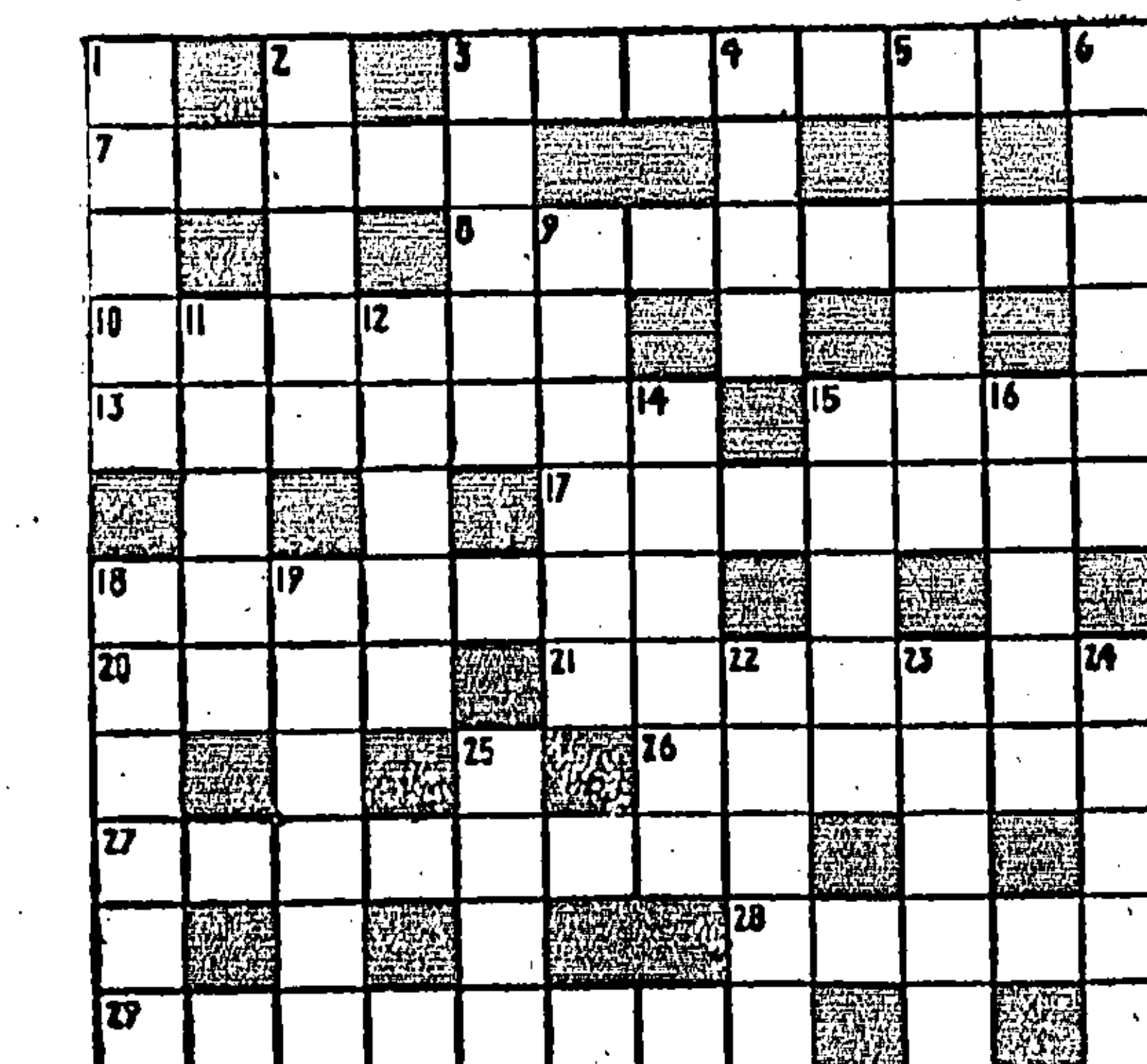
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 - 8 Telephonist.
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 - 13 Akia.
 - 15 Festival.
 - 17 Antennae.
 - 18 Purveyor of food.
 - 20 Waterless.
 - 21 Retort.
 - 26 Constraint.
 - 28 Coconut product.
 - 29 Intensity.
- DOWN
- 1 Earlier.
 - 2 Terrible.
 - 3 Drift.
 - 4 Uncommon.
 - 5 Seat.
 - 6 Sequence.
 - 9 Promote.
 - 11 Tree.
 - 12 Fastened.
 - 14 Self.
 - 15 Storey.
 - 16 Run.
 - 18 Waterways.
 - 19 Inflammable material.
 - 22 Blow.
 - 23 Perculates.
 - 24 Attempt.
 - 25 Grain refuse.
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Secret Of The Tank Was Not Betrayed

By Peter Lovegrove

THE death on January 16 at Oxford of the age of 82 of Major-General Sir Ernest Swinton, KBE, CB, DSO, the originator of the tank, recalls his persistent, energetic and eventually successful advocacy of an armoured fighting vehicle with caterpillar tracks as the answer to the combination of barbed wire and machine-guns which made the German defence so formidable in World War One.

It was in October 1914 that the then Colonel Swinton, a Sapper who had won the DSO in the South African War, realised while acting as Official Correspondent to the British Expeditionary Force in France that the Allies faced a protracted and costly period of trench warfare and stalemate, and conceived the idea of the new weapon. And four years later, when the end came, a German military historian wrote: "I consider that we were not beaten by the genius of Marshal Foch, but by 'General Tank' in conjunction with the widespread reinforcement of the Americans."

Lot of prodding

It has been said that no nation loves military reform as little as our own, or hates so much to think that the glory of our army must be "eternally renewed with strange weapons and unfamiliar methods." Certainly, the military machine took a lot of prodding before it appreciated the possibilities of this revolutionary new weapon. Colonel Swinton planted the seeds of his proposed "machine-gun destroyer" in many high places, but it was many months before one be-

gan to bear fruit—and then partly through the vision and drive of Winston Churchill, who was First Lord of the Admiralty at the time. The Engineer-in-Chief at GHQ France, Lord Kitchener (the Secretary for War), and the War Office all turned down the idea in the first place, but while the scheme was lying moribund in Army channels, Churchill sanctioned the expenditure of £70,000 from the Admiralty budget for experiments in "landships."

The first experimental model was built by Messrs W. Foster and Sons at Lincoln, but it was a failure, and a very much larger tank machine was devised which eventually became the prototype of the original Mark I Tank.

First trial

This was HMS Centipede—quickly dubbed "Mother"—and her offspring "Big Willys"—which had its first official trial under the trees of Hatfield Park, near London, in February 1916 before an assemblage of Cabinet ministers and high sailors and soldiers, and soon after went through its paces again for King George V.

Although "Mother," a cumbersome 20-tonner with a pair of large steering wheels forming a kind of waggling tail behind, which waddled along at about 4 miles per hour, went through her performance perfectly, Lord Kitchener remained entirely sceptical and stated that the War would never be won by such machines, which would be knocked out by the enemy's artillery. It was, he considered, just a "pretty mechanical

toy." There were plenty of other sceptics over the BEF, but GHQ asked for 40 machines to be built and sent out, and it was finally decided to make 150—75 being "destroyers" with 6-pounder guns, and 75 "consort" carrying only four Vickers machine-guns to protect the destroyers from enemy troops at close range.

Into action

Colonel Swinton was also the originator of the Heavy Section, Machine Gun Corps, the first title of what became the Royal Tank Corps. The first companies and tanks crossed the Channel in August 1916, and a month later, 32 of the strange new monsters lumbered into action in the Flanders Somme Front—against the advice of all those who had given most thought to the possibilities of the new arm, and who wished them to be used in large numbers in one great stroke to effect overwhelming surprise.

The first, faltering steps of the young steel giants were only moderately successful—they advanced through the barrage across No Man's Land, crushed wire, trench and parapet, but did not effect a complete breakthrough and several broke down.

"To achieve this miniature success," wrote Churchill in his World Crisis, "and to carry the execution of the professional mind one stage further forward, a secret of war which, well used, would have produced a world-shaking victory in 1917 had been recklessly revealed to the enemy."

The news however made a great sensation at home, and the popular newspapers had a field day with descriptions of

the "Jabberwock with eyes of flame," the "Travelling Turret," "Tearing Fort," "Giant Road," "Whale" and even "Slug."

By April 1917, many improvements had been made in tank design, and they were employed in several other offensives in small numbers—at Messines, and at Passchendaele—only to founder in the liquid mud of what degenerated into a swamp battle, and it was not until November 1917 that the new weapon fully established itself with a resounding victory which marks a new epoch in military history and ushered in the age of mechanisation.

Very secretly

This was the battle of Cambrai. Four hundred were brought up very secretly under cover of night and made a surprise attack at six o'clock in the morning. The first the Germans knew of the British plan was when the tanks loomed out of the autumn fog and overran their advanced lines. In a few hours, they had advanced about 10 miles on a 12,000 yard front through Hindenberg Line, and 8,000 prisoners and 100 guns had been captured with practically no loss—the same area of ground which had taken three months to win at Passchendaele at a cost of 400,000 casualties and scores of millions of pounds of artillery ammunition.

Eight months later, on August 8, 1918—dubbed "Black day of the German Army" by General Ludendorff, Hindenberg's Chief of Staff—the British tanks, assigned this time a definite part in the strategic scheme, secured an even more decisive victory. It was the beginning of the end of the Kaiser's Germany.

Lecture tour

Swinton, however, was no longer at the helm. He had been transferred to other duties in 1917 and had toured the United States lecturing on war aims. But his most treasured possession was a telegram from the Brigadier-General who had led the tanks at Cambrai which reads: "All ranks thank you. Your show."

After the war, he was awarded 1,000 guineas by the Royal Commission on Awards. In recognition of his great services to the Royal Tank Corps, he was made its Colonel Commandant from 1934 to 1938. He was Chichele Professor of Military History at Oxford University for 14 years, wrote a number of novels, some reminiscences and was also responsible for two translations of French works. But it is as the inventor of the tank that he passes into the field day with descriptions of

G. WARD PRICE WRITES
ON HONGKONG

Empire Exhibit Number One

If there is one place I should like to see re-produced life-size at the Festival of Britain as "British Empire Exhibit No. 1," it is Hongkong.

Here you have the British colonial spirit at its best. It is a compound of tradition, common sense, confidence, and enterprise.

Others may be writing off Hongkong as a stake as good as lost already to Communist China, but not the officials who administer it or the traders who have made it busier today than it has been in its 100 years of history.

While the Americans are closing down their banks in the Colony, and the United States Consul advises his countrymen to get out while they can the British are building big blocks of flats, new schools, police stations, and hospitals. They are blasting and quarrying into the steep hillsides to make more room for expansion.

They are prolonging the runways of the airfield, so that planes will be able to land at night. The hotel in which I am staying has only been up a year, but it is being doubled in size. A stranger would say the British in Hongkong must feel safe for a century to come.

Odd Conduct

Odd conduct for the only bit of British territory that has a land frontier with Communism, and that only 24 miles away—but it is the sort of eccentricity that did much to bring the Empire into existence, and that help preserve the pieces that are left.

The "old China hands," who call the tune to which Hongkong keeps up its lively dance, are under no illusions about the risks of the Colony's position. If overconfidence was their defect ten years ago, life in a Japanese prison camp taught many of them to be realistic.

"If we get jittery," said one of the leading British business men in Hongkong to me, gazing out of the windows of his sumptuous and spacious office across the crowded harbour, "if we get jittery, we should be lost. We can't see six months ahead, but we are planning for years."

This policy is not without its rewards. Until the American Government put an embargo on the shipment of raw materials to the Colony on the ground that they might be re-exported to Communist China, Hongkong was making twice as much money as it ever did before.

Nor does this prosperity come solely from selling war material to our potential enemies the Chinese Communists. To that charge, which the American papers expressed in the words: "American lives are being sacrificed while British builds up her Hongkong trade," British merchants reply that trading with China is only a comparatively small part of their business, and that, anyhow, American exporters were doing the same by way of the Philippines.

Great Entrepot

The Hongkong boom is due to the fact that it is now the only great trade entrepot for the whole of the Far East, consigning goods to South Africa, Singapore, Borneo, Sarawak, and many other places.

Fortunately, the American ban on the shipping of cotton to Hongkong has been relaxed. Otherwise there might have been widespread unemployment, since the Colony contains thirteen big cotton mills and three or four hundred smaller factories, and hunger would stimulate political unrest.

For Hongkong is not so much a British Colony as a piece of China administered by Britain. Got lost in this congested Chinatown of flouting flags and gaily-coloured shop-signs and you will look in vain for another European to tell you

the way, or even for a Chinese who understands English. One Government official defined Hongkong as the biggest "displaced persons" settlement in the world.

Since the Communists conquered the whole of China, one and a half million refugees have crossed Hongkong's border on the mainland. Some were rich merchants who brought capital with them, but most were poor traders and peasants uprooted by the civil war.

Three hundred thousand of them have gone back to China, but 330,000 of us still live as "squatters" in shacks they have built for themselves wherever they can find a piece of waste ground.

Not Popular

One factor in the British mood of confidence is the argument that the Chinese would be able to make no use of Hongkong if they did take it. They have no navy for its defence, and the Communist Government is concentrating its troops and its attention on Manchuria and the North. It is not popular in the South, where the Cantonese—the "Cockneys of China"—resent Russian domination of the Peking regime.

Five British Infantry battalions and six artillery regiments make up the force guarding the 13-mile frontier that separates the mainland territories of Hongkong from Red China. What I saw there reminded me of the "Frontiers of Fear," of which last year I made a tour in Western Asia. But here the Red flag of Communism flies oppos to the Union Jack.

A narrow iron bridge spans an insignificant stream at Mankanao. Half-way across it there is a barbed-wire entanglement, on the far side of which stands a quilt-jacketed Chinese Communist policeman, while our end is guarded by a British Police Force, who vigorously frisks the constant stream of foot-passengers pouring in from Red China, to see that they carry no arms or gold. These policemen are within a few yards of each other, but they never speak.

Brisk Traffic

The traffic is surprisingly brisk, for much of the goods shipped into China from Hongkong goes this way. A convoy of lorries laden with fertiliser has just arrived and strings of coolies are carrying sacks across the bridge, as no wheeled traffic is allowed to pass the frontier.

Piercing squeals fill the air from suffering pigs carried by the dozen across the bridge in wicker baskets slung from poles, and thrown roughly into the lorries with characteristic Chinese callousness.

China is a land of anomalies. Otherwise it would seem odd that the biggest building going up in Hongkong should be for the Communist Bank of China—a huge structure of 20 stories, still in the steel-girder stage, which outtops the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank next door. It is to cost \$2,000,000. A British firm of contractors has been paid \$285,000 by the Communist Government to supervise the work.

Switch Back

At the end of the war, five years ago, Hongkong was a "shambles," its houses and business premises looted and gutted; its harbour blocked by sunken ships. Today it has recovered all its former dignity, having the finest buildings—and the dirtiest paper-money—in the Empire.

The houses of its wealthier inhabitants again stand like castles on their precipitous crags, commanding the finest views in the world; the deeper, steep roads climb the Peak in daring curves; gleaming motor-cars line every street. To the visitor from over-taxed, shabby England the general air of affluence is like a switch back to the prosperous past of Britain.

There was a surplus of £15,000,000 in the revenues of Hongkong last year. Income-tax, after generous deductions, is ten percent. This grander Gibraltar of the Far East is testimony to the success that Britons can still make of their affairs when free enterprise is given a chance.

America's Lost Babies

From NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK.

LOST—sometimes between 1933 and 1939—1,000,000 babies. And the missing babies are giving Washington a rearmament headache.

During the years of economic depression, America's birthrate dropped. This year the boy babies of 1933 become 18.

The armed forces want at least 450,000 of them; they are running out of available men between 19 and 25.

Defence Secretary Marshall proposes a rehabilitation programme for the physically and mentally unfit. Those who cannot be made fit for military service would be given work of national importance.

GENERAL EISENHOWER should remember that Columbia University's trustees believe that he is only on a temporary assignment in Europe. So they are sending him his 5ft. 3in. walnut desk and his green leather owl chair.

BOOKMAKERS in London who offered 1,000 to 1 against war this year may be reassured by the news from Glen Cove, Long Island. The Rus-

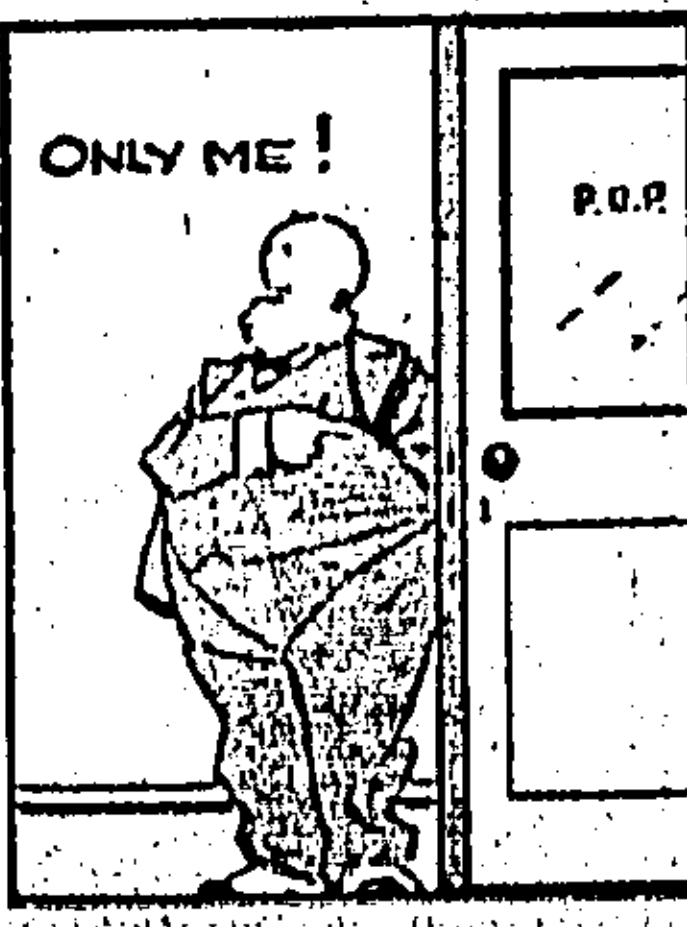
slans have just paid taxes on the 45-room mansion in which they house their UNO delegation from January to June.

PEACE OF MIND? Don't strive too hard for it, says psychologists. Karl Menninger, "People search so hard for it that they don't have any. The only way to control the tension of the times is to lose yourself in love, in thinking of others, in play, in talk and work."

CENSORSHIP in the city of Memphis, Tennessee (population 332,000) has put out Charlie Chaplin's 20-year-old "City Lights." The authorities say there is nothing against the picture, but that the comedian is "a traitor to the Christian way of life, an enemy of decency, virtue and marriage."

SHOW BUSINESS: For the second time Britain's elderly actress Ethel Griffies gets star-sized Broadway bravos for making a revival of "The Royal Family" a hit. For its second month, "King Solomon's Mines," starring Deborah Kerr and Stewart Granger, was the top money-earning film (about \$271,000), in December.

POP



Office routine



BLIND VOYAGE MILDRED SNOW GLEASON

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE:

Teddy (Theodora) Raynor and her boy friend, Hugo Albright, go on a cruise in the luxury yacht, Golden Gull. Teddy's Aunt, Elsie, also goes along. The cruise has been arranged through Dr. Smittling's travel agency, but the sponsor keeps mysteriously in the dark. Denis Graham, also a passenger, reveals to Teddy and Hugo that the Golden Gull was the name of a charitable secret society founded by her late father, and he suspects the cruise has something to do with it. Another passenger, Roy Parrin, an ex-acrobat, tells his wife Grace to get chummy with Teddy, who wonders why. Meanwhile, the stewardess, Marie Galsen, tries to tell what she calls important information to Teddy. She fails however to turn up at a secret rendezvous with Teddy, and next morning is found murdered in her cabin. Beside the body was a note: "Ask Miss Theodora Raynor." Graham has an idea that Kelsey, maid to Mrs. Stoddard, one of the passengers, knows something about the case and sends for her. She cannot shed much light on the mystery, however. Then that night the ship's engines suddenly stop.

NOW READ ON

TEDDY rose and dressed quickly without disturbing her aunt. By the time she reached the deck the red ball of the sun was rising over the horizon.

She was looking about for a member of the crew to question when Charis Winslow appeared.

A few minutes later Hugo appeared from the direction of the bridge.

"Morning, Teddy. So you're up too? Bad business again!"

"What did you find out?" asked Charis.

Hugo hesitated. "I'll tell you but you'll have to keep it quiet. The captain and Smittling don't want to upset the passengers any more than necessary. The news to be given out is that there has been a slight breakdown which can easily be repaired."

"And the truth?"

"The engines have been seriously damaged, and the man on duty was found drugged," Hugo replied grimly.

"Can the damage be repaired?" asked Teddy.

"Yes—but it will take at least two or three days. To make matters worse, we're off the regular ship routes, with little chance of being sighted. And with the radio beyond repair, well, we're in a flimsy position!"

"Where's Denis?" Charis inquired.

"I left him talking to the captain and Smittling. I want to get back and see what they're going to do. Just came to tell you the news."

When he was gone Teddy and Charis sank into a couple of deck chairs and, for a few minutes, were too dazed by this latest development to speak.

Then, Charis said, "You see, now, why Denis tried to keep you from taking this trip."

"So you know about that?" Teddy smiled wryly. "I suppose he has also told you how his little plot with Jake Hally to keep me ashore was thwarted?"

Charis nodded. "Yes—he said you thought it was that man Parrin who did the trick."

"I'm sure it was Parrin—and I've wondered ever since whether he's behind all this."

"He looks more like the sort of man one pays to do a little job without asking questions," said Charis.

Teddy nodded, then asked impulsively, "Why did you call on me that morning after Mr. Graham had been to see me?"

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"But why?" she asked. "How did that help anyone?"

"We succeeded in keeping together a young couple whose marriage was threatening to go on the rocks. It's a long story."

"I'd love to hear about it," Teddy said eagerly. "And about some of your other experiences."

"They were still sitting there talking when Hugo reappeared, accompanied by Denis Graham and Dr. Smittling."

"More bad news!" he announced bluntly.

"What's happened now?" Teddy asked fearfully.

"Parrin's been injured. We don't know just how. When we got on our way to see him, his wife sent an incoherent message up to Dr. Smittling."

With that, Hugo hurried away with the doctor and Denis.

It was not until half an hour later that Teddy and Charis learned the details of what had happened to Roy Parrin. They were having breakfast when Hugo and Denis, returning from Parrin's cabin, rejoined them.

"What a morning!" Hugo groaned, sinking into a chair beside Teddy. "Give us some coffee, quick!"

"Tell us about Parrin," Teddy said impatiently, as Charis poured the coffee.

"But knock on the head," Denis reported. "Smittling had to take a couple of stitches, but the fellow's not seriously hurt."

"How and when did it happen?"

"Early this morning—before dawn," Hugo said, between mouthfuls of toast. "Or so he says. His story is that he couldn't sleep and started for the deck to have a smoke. On his way, in the corridor, somebody gave him a wallop on the back of the head. It happened so quickly he didn't see who it was. When he came to, he found himself on the floor of the linen closet. He staggered back to his cabin and that's when his wife sent for Smittling."

"Personally," Denis remarked, "I think he was knocked out by the same person who monkeyed with the engines. Parrin may have been snooping—not just going out for a smoke."

"Then that sort of removes him from suspicion, doesn't it?" said Teddy.

"Not necessarily," Hugo pointed out. "His wound could have been self-inflicted. It wouldn't be the first time that kind of dodge has been used!"

"That's possible," Denis murmured, "but I'd be surprised to find that Parrin is the chief villain in this piece. I think he lacks the imagination. However, I agree that he's been watching, and I propose to ask him some more questions after breakfast—without Smittling as a witness!"

"Okay," said Hugo. "I'll go with you."

"Let Charis and me come, too," Teddy pleaded. "We want to be in on this."

"All right," he admitted. "I went down to the engine room to find out why the engines had stopped. I got there after the wreck—and that's the truth! I was on my way back here when somebody slugged me."

"And where does that lead us?" Hugo grunted, when they had left the cabin.

"Up a blind alley, it would seem," Denis sighed. "And yet, I don't know. I'm beginning to

"Well, that's a wild tale!" Hugo exclaimed.

"And likely to be true," said Denis. "Cecil Stoddard..... Hum-m."

"Do you think he might be the murderer?"

"Under that mask of silliness he wears he might be anything," said Denis.

The four of them separated soon after that, Hugo and Denis going to see how the repairs on the engines were progressing,

Hugo broke off, and swung round to find that Cecil Stoddard had come quietly into the lounge, and was standing a few feet away, a silly grin on his face.

"Listen, Stoddard!" Hugo said angrily. "First you have your man Hull snop! Now you start snooping yourself! Lay off, will you?"

Cecil dropped his monocle from his eye. "Apparently, I'm person non grata," he murmured. "Sorry...." He started to move off.

"Wait a minute!" said Hugo. "Never mind about now—but you carried your snooping a bit too far last night!"

Cecil's silly manner suddenly dropped from him, and he glanced around quickly.

"Shut up, Albright!" he muttered. "For heaven's sake lower your voice!"

"So you admit you were snooping last night? Do you also admit that you knocked Parrin over the head?"

"Listen to me!" Cecil said rapidly. "I smelled a rat long before we sailed. Why, as my business, I instructed Hull to prow around, hoping he could pick up some useful bits of information. But after the murder was done I decided I'd better do my own prowling! I did knock Parrin out—I don't deny it. I suppose you were prowling, too, and saw me. It doesn't matter."

"It matters very much! You might have killed the man!"

"But I don't—I merely incapacitated him for a few hours. I was after bigger game, and I didn't want Parrin in my way, so I removed him."

"Were you, by any chance, wearing a long black cloak and a hood?" Hugo asked softly.

(MORE TOMORROW)

SABOTAGE CAMPS IN EUROPE

By FRED MANOR

WHETHER the next Cominform blow in Europe will be struck in Yugoslavia or Greece is a matter of conjecture. The vigorous training which the escaped Greek rebels are undergoing in the Cominform countries, however, offers food for serious thought.

Some 20,000 Greek guerrillas, 18,000 of whom are combat troops, are being trained in Bulgarian, Albanian, Czech and Polish camps. A detachment of newly-trained rebel Commandos and a group of saboteurs fresh from a Soviet-run sabotage school have been moved to the Greek frontier. And the 7,000 wounded Greek rebels still in hospitals in the satellite countries are being pushed into the training camps as quickly as their recovery permits.

These camps are supervised by Bulgarian, Czech and Polish army instructors, but certain special groups are being trained direct by Soviet experts.

Good-quality uniforms and boots and modern Russian and Czech equipment have been issued to the Greek guerrillas, who mostly are of Macedonian

origin, a race akin to the Slavs.

The Communist fanaticism of these Macedonians is further fired by their racial aspirations to detach northern Epirus from Greece and to form a Great Macedonia.

The largest contingent of Greek Communists is in Bulgaria. Here, 2,000 men attached to Orhovo have been stationed in the Bulgarian 38th Infantry Regiment, and another group of 2,000 rebels is being trained by the Bulgarian sappers.

In a camp near Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, Russian experts are instructing 800 Greek "special troops," and a 1,000-men strong Commando unit has recently been posted into the Bulgarian triangle near Petrich, where the Yugoslav, Greek and Bulgarian frontiers meet.

Some 13,000 veterans of the Greek civil war are working in organized groups on Bulgarian state farms. These are seasoned troops who do not require additional training.

Albania harbours about 2,500 Communists, who live in the north of Thana, the Albanian capital. Many of these are women, or men unfit for military duties. But all are being trained in acts of individual sabotage, and 800 of them were concentrated around Korca (Koritsa), whence they often cross into Greece.

Yugoslavia, which at the peak of the guerrilla war in

Greece, before the Tito-Cominform split, was the main base of all rebel activities, deported to Hungary a group of Greek Communist leaders, whose Cominform views were no longer agreeable to the Tito regime. Another sixty rebel officers were interned at Bratislava.

About 3,500 wounded guerrillas are cared for in Yugoslav hospitals, and about 1,400 were disarmed and are working on Yugoslav farms and in factories.

Rumania is keeping about 2,000 wounded, who are receiving treatment in Rumanian military hospitals. The Czech army has fully equipped a mobile force of 4,500 Greek Communists.

On the other hand, discipline is very strict, and a court-martial oven for a minor offence usually ends with a death sentence, which is seldom commuted.



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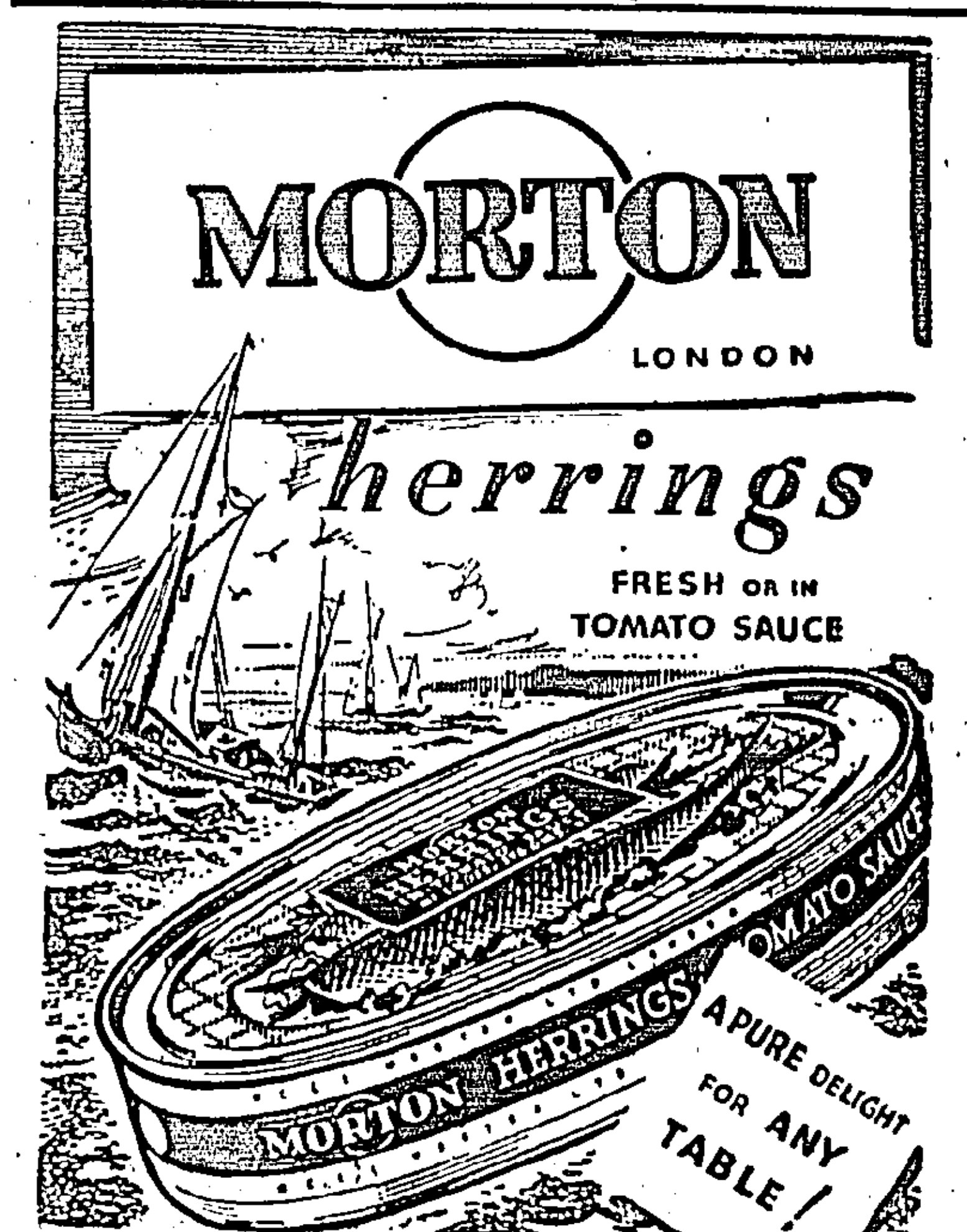
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and the RAMC Depot
(Crookham), who have the
finest post-war record in
the Army Rugby Union
Challenge Cup, have again
reached the semi-final stage
of the competition.

These two units fought out the
1955 Final, and the odds are
that they will be opposing each
other again on March 7 at Al-
dershot to decide the destina-
tion of the trophy.

The Signals were given their
hottest fight of the season at
Berey in the quarter-final be-
fore disposing of the Welsh Bri-
gade Training Centre by twelve
points to three, and now have
to travel to Germany to meet
the BAOR Champions on
February 7.

Who their opponents will be
is not known at the time of writ-
ing, as bad weather in Germany
has held up the competition and
a number of games remain to
be played before the end of
January.

But the men from Catterick,
who have an aggregate of 172
points for and only 11 against
from the five preceding rounds,
will start hot favourites and in-
deed are expected to go on and
win the Cup for the fourth
time in succession. "This will
not be a record, for the 1st Bat-
talion South Wales Borderers
accomplished this feat in the
1920s.

The Crookham Medals, who
also have a well-balanced side
but not the scoring power of the
Signals, scored eight points with-
out reply against the Army
School of Education, and will
now face No. 1 Guards Inde-
pendent Parachute Company
(Pirbright), the smallest unit to
enter the competition in the
semi-final at Aldershot Military
Stadium on January 31. The
RAMC have only had their line
crossed twice this season, and
should qualify without too much
difficulty.

Kovalski & Dorfman In Madras Final

Madras, Jan. 28.
Fred Kovalski of Detroit
gained the final round of the
South Indian Lawn Tennis
Championship today and quali-
fied to meet Ivy Dorfman of
New York for the title.
Kovalski beat India's No. 1
player, Dilip Bose, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.
—Associated Press.

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SCHOOL GOES DOWN TWO-NIL AND Everybody Loves The Gremlins

BY "RECORDER"

Never in the history of the Ladies' Hockey League have the
Gremlins been so popular. The male world has long accepted them,
appreciating the fact that the eye can wander among them from wing
to wing and encounter nothing that isn't easy on it.

Now the Gremlins are popular with the women too and, even more unusual in
the rough world of women's hockey, with their arch-rivals, the Victorians and Re-
creio. All this as a result of their 2-0 victory over the King George V School
yesterday.

They moved Recreio, who helped themselves with a 4-0 victory over the
University, to the top of the League and would have been of as much help to the
Victorians if the latter did not have to postpone their match with the Dutch Ladies.
The Junior Gremlins, much encouraged by the fact that the Seniors stayed to
watch their match, surprised with their second victory in nine starts, this time
against KGVs "B", by one goal to nil.

Yet, neither Gremlins nor
Widgets can account for their
victory. Both the School "A"
and "B" teams were playing
much better as such and the
Senior Gremlins entered the
 fray with a scratch forward
line.

It was a rough and tough
game with no tempers lost,
clean on the rules but with a
considerable amount of hard-
hitting that saw the ball rip-
pling through at head level al-
most as often as one would
expect to see it in an hour's
worth of cricket.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

When all was over, the crip-
ples crept off the field, the
Gremlins counting the heavier
casualties. Considerably bat-
tered were Doris Barten and
Marjorie McNeil. The former
was hit so often that she got
tired of responding with an
"Ouch!" To make matters more
painful, there was a spot on
her shin on which three bulls
were scored.

Dour warrior McNeil had
enough bruises for a long and
leisurely count. The moral of
this is that if you succeed in
teaching the defence to hit
clean for a long clearance, then
keep out of its way.

The Gremlins were short of
centre-forward Hilda Reid and
inside-right Renate Kerr. Sybil
Groundwater, back in the game
after a dozen years, took over
the centre-forward berth and
scored a goal within a few
minutes of the opening whistle;
following up a melee just outside
the D.

Joan Gerrard came in at
inside-right and had very little
to do. Left-winger Valerie
Slade also had few opportuni-
ties and most of the Gremlins'
attack fell to either the right
wing combination of Noelle
Simmons and Sheila Abraham
or to the inside trio of Doris
Barten, Marjorie McNeil and
Sybil Groundwater.

The Simmons-Abraham com-
bination was in grand form for

Second Man To Vault 15 Feet

New York, Jan. 27.
Robert Richards of the
Illinois Athletic Club pole
vaulted 15 ft. 1 inch at the
Millrose indoor track meet to-
night, making him the second
man in history to reach 15 feet.
Cornelius Warmerdam, now
retired, is the only other vault-
er to clear 15 feet. He did it
43 times.

Richards, in making the 15
ft. 1 in. mark, won the pole
vault event for the fifth straight
time in the Millrose games.—
United Press.

Sedgman And Larsen In Australian Semi-finals

Sydney, Jan. 28.
In the first Australian Lawn
Tennis Championships to be
played on a Sunday, Frank
Sedgman and Art Larsen, re-
spective champions of Australia
and the United States, today
reached the semi-finals.

Larsen defeated Mervyn Rose
7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, and
Sedgman beat George Worthing-
ton 6-2, 7-5, 6-0.

Sedgman's opponent in the
semi-final will be Dick Savitt,
United States, who defeated
John Bromwich, Davis Cup
player and former champion,
6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

The other semi-finalist is Ken
McGregor who defeated Adrian
Quist 6-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Rain prevented play on Satur-
day for the third successive
day. — Reuter.

LESLIE AMES SCORES 110

Bangalore, Jan. 28.
Leslie Ames, Kent and Eng-
land wicket-keeper, scored 110
for the Commonweath, each
made 200 in their first innings
when the match against Mysore
State XI was continued today.
Mysore were dismissed for
187 runs yesterday.

At the close of play, Mysore
were 180 runs for nine wickets
in their second innings. With
one wicket in hand they are
only 18 runs ahead.—Reuter.

the second Sunday in suc-
cession. The quality of these two
at their best was easier to ap-
preciate yesterday against the
marking of the School trio of
Louise Warming, Pamela Wright
and Jeanette Davis, particu-
larly the first named who was a
tireless tackler and seldom
wasted a clearance.

Louise's performance at left-
back yesterday would give her
a claim for preference against
the best in the League.

JUSTLY RATTLED

Not too long after Mrs
Groundwater had put the
Gremlins one up, right-winger
Simmons, justly rattled by the
suggestion that she can't shoot
straight, made a long shot from
a well-timed long shot from
an acute angle of the kind that
wingers dream about but rarely
accomplish.

This early lead did not up-
set the Schoolgirls, who could
bank on their staying powers
to give them the better of the
second half and had, in fact,
more of the game after the
interval.

Where the Gremlins were
concerned, however, they felt
like winners and nothing could
discourage them from then on.
They never gave up trying for
the third goal and when the
School had more of the attack
in the later stages of the game
their defence refused to crack.

The School's attack was
handicapped by a slowed-down
Maureen Hodgkinson, nursing an
ankle injury. Maureen's sud-
den breakaways are normally
the tide-turners in the
School's attack and there
weren't very many of them
yesterday.

Valerie Jillett was dangerous
on the right wing and at least
one of her solo runs in the
first half should have finished
with a goal if she had not out-
run her inside trio.

The teams were:
Gremlins: Maud Read; Kay
Baldock, Anne Fowler; Sheila
Abraham, Marjorie McNeil,
Noemi Abraham; Noelle Sim-
mons, Joan Gerrard, Sybil
Groundwater, Doris Barten and
Valerie Slade.

KGVS: Sheila Graham-Cum-
mings; Shirley Winterton,
Louise Warming; Mary Elliott,
Pamela Wright, Jeanette Davis;
Valerie Jillett, Ruby
Maureen Hodgkinson, Hilary
Hale and Shirley Read.

HAPPY WIDGETS

The Junior Gremlins didn't
look likely winners when they
started against KGVs "B" with
their very valuable centre-half,
Rosemary Read, dropping back
to deputise for a missing goal-
keeper. Rosemary, who didn't
seem much taller than the pads
she wore, made up for her lack
of bulk by adopting a crouch-
ing tiger attitude and this
must have helped put off the
School attack.

The Junior Gremlins put up
a terrific game. There wasn't
much more to be said for them
as usually and the Wid-
get victory was due largely to
by two of the defenders, right-
back Mrs Giles and left-half
Dianne Saunders.

Mrs Vianna went back to
centre-half and the combina-
tion of Saunders, Vianna and
Tommy Wiseman formed a
very solid half line. With
Rosemary Read back at pivot,
the Junior Gremlins will have
a very effective half line for
their remaining games.

Lorna Coxall, a newcomer
to the team, put up a very
promising performance at centre-
forward and inside-right
Coreen Ellery, who scored the

one goal of the match, and
Dolores Bonnar, left-winger,
were an inspired pair.

Though the Gremlin Juniors
won, the School were much
the better team and should not
feel discouraged at coming out
the losers.

Their left-back, Delaire
Collar, put up a sterling per-
formance, and centre-forward
Susan Hewson gave the Gremlins
many anxious moments.

The teams were:
Gremlins "B": Rosemary
Read; Mrs Giles, Irene Smir-
noff; Dianne Saunders, Mrs
Vianna, Tommy Wiseman; Na-
tallie Colon, Coreen Ellery, Lorna
Coxall, Noreen Campbell and
Dolores Bonnar.

KGVS "B": Margery Revie;
Katherine Davies, Delaire Col-
lar; Claire Marchetti, Norma
Sun and Pat James; Vanessa
Giles, Lelia Butcher, Susan
Hewson, Diana Jillett and Joy
Ford.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	6	7	0	3	14
Gremlins "A"	0	1	2	20	4
KGVS "A"	0	1	2	23	9
Victorians	0	0	0	23	11
Waverley	0	0	0	0	0
Dutch	0	2	0	0	2
KGVS "B"	0	2	0	7	10
Gremlins "B"	0	2	0	7	3

Britain And Portugal Reach The Final

By "GRANDSTAND"

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the Great Britain v. Portugal semi-finals in which the Portuguese had no trouble in
chalking up an overwhelming 17-0 triumph.

Junior League games over the
weekend were comparatively
tame affairs as the Blackheath
stretched their string of triumphs
to 12 straight when they pushed
over the Falcons 10-1, while
Griffins avenged a former de-
feat when they subdued Aces
18-4.

Pirates played truant again
and failed to show up, the points
going to the Squaws.

GREAT BRITAIN 4—CHINA 3
Playing almost errorless
ball, Great Britain once more
proved themselves when they
toppled China in the semi-finals
of the International Series. Jock
Brown took the rubber for the
British side and registered a
superb performance, while his
mates backed him up through-
out.

Tony Kwok was not available
for duty and South China's P.
Wong took over pitching chores,
and although he allowed four
runs in a hit in second frame,
he returned a creditable per-
formance.

Great Britain lost the toss and
went in to bat first and while
Willie Sprinkle and Umbo Mose
were erased in quick succession,
Ingmar Erikson belted out a
single—the first hit of the game.

Dave Leonard followed with
a rousing line drive but Erikson
tugged out the early uprising
to be snuffed.

Rabbit Leung started for
China and grounded out, but
Lefty C. M. Tsang wheeled
Brown for a walk and was
nailed at second base when Buzzy
Wade pegged a strike over
second base. Wally Ma singled
but C. Y. Lu failed to come
through with the necessary safe
hit.

"BIG INNING"

The second frame was a Big
Inning for the British as Gerry
Langenberg, Buzzy Wade and
Gramham Crookdale hit safely
to load the sacks. Les Castro
piled out a sacrifice fly and the
first run of the game
crossed the plate. Jock Brown
singled over and in a daring base-
stealing effort, Crookdale den-
tured the rubber. The combination
was only extinguished when
Willie Sprinkle was called out
on an illegal bunt and Mose
grounded out.

China's two-hit effort in their
half of the second semester was
fruitful as the side was out when
Lu died out.

The third frame was an exhi-
bition of dazzling fielding on both
sides and no one reached first
to the lightning frame, but in the

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY DRAW LEVEL WITH THE SCORPIONS IN THE SENIOR LEAGUE RACE

By "OBSERVER"

A convincing double win by Army and a severe setback for the Hongkong
Cricket Club "Scorpions" featured the resumption of the Cricket League matches in
both divisions on Saturday, and once again as last year it looks as if the race for
the Senior Championship honours will be confined to these two teams.

With eight matches more to go before the League ends, Optimists who are
five points behind may come into the race, but this seems rather remote.

Army's clear win in the
second division, puts them al-
most in an unassailable po-
sition at the top of the league,
and interest in this section will
be centred on the runner-up
position, to which at least five
teams have a good claim.

Indian Recreation Club who
held Army to a draw in their
first meeting, found that the
soldiers knew almost every
inch of their home pitch, and
were soundly trounced by eight
wickets. "Puddy" Ismail and
K. M. Rumbharn gave the In-
dians a good start of 47 runs
for the first wicket, but after
Ismail went, there was no one
to stay long enough.

Rumbharn's chances of in-
nings of 93 was the only saving
feature of the IRC's batting. When
he left with the score at 105
for five, bowled by Cordell in
trying to hook a slightly
short ball, a procession fol-
lowed, only four runs being added
to the score, and these were
from extras.

A new bowler in the Army's
League team this year, Lt
Nicholson finished up with the
best analysis of four wickets
for 11 runs. Major Wilson and
Capt Campbell stayed long
enough to see 55 runs up on
the board, and their side well
set for a win.

MORE INTERESTING

The Scorpions-Craigengower
match at Happy Valley was a
more interesting affair, with
the Scorpions being both lucky
and unfortunate. The match
did not start until 2.05 p.m.

Winning the toss, Alec Pearce
sent in Stokes and Kerr to bat
on a slightly soft wicket that
played very well. Two full
tosses in Crabtree's opening
over presented Stokes with two
four's and a little later, Stokes
was given a life when a shoul-
der high drive to long mid-on
was dropped by Divecha. Stokes
went on to score 50, Kerr was
unlucky to have a slightly
short ball from Kermant kick
up, and in trying to hook it
slid the ball to Billmoris.

Alec Pearce was the next
man and for the first time this
season at least, was out to a
first ball. A good length ball
from Billmoris pitched slight-

ly to the off, whipped in very
low to the off-stump. A similar
ball, rising slightly higher, got
Stokes after Weller had been
caught at first slip by Kermant.

With the scoreboard reading
72 for four and with Stokes,
Kerr, Pearce and Weller all
out, it looked as if the Valley
Club would be able to keep
the Scorpions within the 120
mark. Another dropped catch,
however, cost them a valuable
36 runs. After having scored
only a single, Knight cooped up
a sinner to mid-on, which "Tar-
zan" Ismail was too surprised
to catch.

A bright knock by Campbell
who hit six fours in his score
of 27 and a 15 by Ruffett put
the Scorpions back into a com-
manding position with 167 runs
when they declared their
innings at 3.53 p.m.

EXACTLY 95 MINUTES

Opening their innings at
4.10 p.m., Craigengower had
exactly 95 minutes to make the
runs. In the first over, Divecha,
playing forward to Cull, gave
a snick which was well taken
by Knight behind the wicket-
keeper. Kermant was joined
by Ismail and began scoring
but with a delightful toppler, but
with the score on 22 lost Ismail
who played on to Weller. Next
man Ragi and Kermant looked
as if they were to make a
stand, but at 23 Kermant was
given lbw to a ball that appear-
ed to be going away from the
leg stump.

Ragi followed suit when he
mistimed a short length ball,
and when skipper George
Souze, met with the ill-luck of
glancing a kicking ball at an
Weller off his glove to Pearce,
the Scorpions had the game
almost within their grasp. Hong
Choy and Tay stayed for 23
minutes, bringing up the score
to 74 for 7, and the Scorpions
had 28 minutes, and took the
last three wickets. A magnifi-
cent stand by J. C. Koh and
S. S. Ismail, now that a win
was out of the question resisted
every attempt to make them
hit out. Koh did smack the
ball hard on several occasions
to reach the boundary on
nine occasions, and to be the
topscorer for his side with 47
runs.

With Billmoris and Crabtree
the last two men to go in, it
was more likely than not that
the Scorpions might have made
it, if they had succeeded in
breaking the Koh-Ismail part-
nership.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Scorpions	10	6	4	0	28
Army	10	6	4	0	28
Optimists	10	5	3	2	23
RAF	10	4	3	3	19



Look Like A Mannequin

Although you may not be a mannequin, you can look like one. Take a tip from Movie Star Jane Greer who says that a simple dress is always in good taste.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN next you attend a fashion show give attention to the mannequins as well as the lovely frocks that are displayed. Note how the pretty dollies move, how they use their hands, carry their heads. All that gives distinction to the garments they are wearing. It makes for style and loveliness of appearance. Of course, the girls have the advantage of being pretty and blessed with slender, graceful figures.

The loveliest gown ever stitched together will lose charm if it is carried in a slouchy manner. Accessories that do not harmonise in colour will detract from lovely lines and spoil the style picture. There is the matter of underdressing, too. An ill-fitting foundation garment will ruin the effect. A petticoat that doesn't fit snugly and perfectly will cause hip bulges and bumps. You have to start from the skin out; that is the only way. Many movie stars have their undergarments cut, fitted, made to order. They

take no chances of looking sloppy. The complete picture must be perfect.

Bias-cut petticoats do not wrinkle; you will find them in the shops. They fit smoothly and perfectly over the hips, a matter that should be considered by the heavyweights. There are combinations of straight and bias cuts that are interesting. They have bias insets just where one needs them to camouflage over-curves.

Incidentally, how do you put on your stockings? If you would be kind to your nylons, make them endure for a long time, turn them inside out except at the foot. Slip your foot into the end of the stocking, pull up the long leg part slowly and carefully. Fasten your front garters while you are sitting, the back ones while standing.

The well-groomed woman gets into her clothes carefully. Everything straight, neat as a pin.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Heard a Voice Calling

—It Came From an India Rubber Ball—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, couldn't be absolutely certain that he heard it. It seemed to be a very strange thing to hear. So he sat very quietly by the side of the fence, at the spot where the grass grew tall and wavy with here and there a clump of tall black-eyed susans among the green blades; and he listened.

In a moment or two he heard the voice again. This time it sounded very sharp and clear. "Here I am, young man! Please behind you! Will you please turn around!"

Knarf turned around. He didn't see anyone.

"No, no," said the voice. "I'm in the grass! Yes, right where you have your foot. Look down, sir—look down!"

Blades of Grass

Knarf looked down. He pushed the blades of grass aside. And there suddenly he came on an India rubber ball coloured red. "Thank you, sir," said the ball. "You've found me at last. Well, pick me up! Don't leave me lying here now that you've found me!" it added in an angry voice.

"I didn't know balls could talk," said Knarf, picking it up and looking at it. "Where's your mouth?"

"I don't suppose I've got one, not that it matters," said the ball. "I can talk without a mouth. My goodness, I've been here a long time. It seems like a month, though actually it's only since yesterday. I was lost," it explained.

"Oh!" said Knarf.

"Do you know that little boy who owns the little white dog who lives in the house on the other side of the hill?"

"Oh, yes," said Knarf.

"Well, the boy and the dog were playing with me. The boy threw me as far as he could, and the dog chased after me and brought me back. That was the game."

"Fetch-and-carry is the name of the game," said Knarf, smiling.

"I'm glad to know the name of it," said the India rubber ball. "But it ended up badly for me. The boy threw me as hard as he could. The dog chased after me. But I went



Knarf held the ball.

bounding off into the high grass and finally landed right here. At first I thought I was quite clever. I lay as still as a pin. I decided I wasn't going to let the dog find me. And he didn't! The India ball added.

"And then what happened?" asked Knarf.

"Then the dog went away. I called after him of course. For suddenly I decided that I had hidden from him long enough. But he didn't hear me."

"And didn't the boy try to find you?"

A Dozen Times

"Oh, yes. He came walking around. He walked right by me a dozen times. In fact, he stepped right on me. I yelled. I shouted. I hollered. It did no good. He went away, too. 'My ball is lost!' I heard him crying."

"It's too bad you couldn't roll yourself home," Knarf said.

"That's the trouble with being a ball," said the India rubber ball. "When someone throws me I can roll and roll and roll, not to mention bounce and bounce and bounce. But when I'm all by myself—when I've finished rolling and bouncing—there's nothing I can do but just stay in one spot."

Knarf took the India rubber ball back to the house where the little boy lived with his dog. The boy was both very happy to see the ball again. "You'd better not throw it too hard the next time," Knarf said to the boy. And to the little India ball he whispered: "And you'd better be careful not to try to hide yourself. The next time nobody may find you, and you'll just stay in one spot 'forever and ever!"

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—36



Before Rupert can answer Mary's question there is a loud call from the old gentleman, and the two little people run to join him. "You're searching for me," says the old man. "Well, do you see anything about the old man?" says Rupert. "No, I don't see anything about the old man," says Mary. "Can't the arm be put right?" says Rupert. "All right," says Mary.



says the other in an excited voice. "It's set all wrong. The arm's pointing at the sun. While it's in that position, it could never tell the time at all!" "That's odd," says Rupert. "Why does it mean?" "Do you think the sundial's been moved?" says Mary. "Can't the arm be put right?" says Rupert. "All right," says Mary.

It's The Other Way Round



A mannequin wearing this hat during the showing of Aage Thaarup's spring collection in London, wore it back to front, but until the commentator drew attention to the fact none of the 30 or 40 women in the audience was aware that anything was wrong. The hat seen here the wrong way round is a model pink petal satin skull cap trimmed in pink petal rose and crown of leaves.

Bath Time Beauty Routine



Courtesy Lanvin

A liberal dusting of bath powder is an important part of your beauty bath routine. Besides giving a pleasant fragrance, it makes clothes easier to slip on.

By HELEN FOLLETT

BEFORE and after the bath colour of the complexion. Put on your bath cap to protect your precious finger wave.

This is the right time to use the razor in your armpits. But, if you do that little thing, only the application of a detergent or perspiration correctives as the skin may be sensitive. Some other time will be best for that chore.

Heavy Brush

During the bath use a heavy brush and plenty of soap suds on your elbows that are often neglected. The skin is likely to be coarse in that area, often it takes on a grey cast, so scrub like everything. Use a soaped brush on your toe nails. This treatment will soften the surrounding cuticle so that, after the tubbing, you can lift it free of the nail bases with the orange wood stick. Cut your toe talons straight across. If you cut them down at the sides you will find yourself tormented with ingrowing nails.

If you like to have a shower after your soapy soaking in the tub, try an alternating hot and cold one. It will start your circulatory streams travelling, benefit your complexion, make you feel so grand that you'll think you can swing the world around by the tail.

After a brisk rubdown with a coarse towel that takes hold like a guilty conscience, give yourself a tonic rub. The idea of that practice is to stave off goose flesh, which is no help to good looks. After that, put on fragrant bath powder.

If you have sore feet, friction them lightly with a foot powder that will absorb moisture and keep the soles of your trotters from running a temperature.

QUICK CURRY SAUCE FOR LEFT-OVERS

I FIND THIS ONION POWDER USEFUL IF YOU'RE OUT OF ONIONS

SAVES TEARS, TOO!

YOU CAN MAKE A CURRY SAUCE IN NO TIME—

MELT 1/2 OZ FAT IN A SMALL SAUCEPAN AND STIR IN 1/2 OZ FLOUR AND A TEASPOON OF CURRY POWDER

COOK FOR 5 MIN. ON A LOW HEAT—STIRRING NOW AND THEN

NOW MIX IN A SMALL TEASPOON OF ONION POWDER AND A PINCH OF SALT

AND MOISTEN SMOOTHLY WITH ABOUT 1/4 PINT OF MILK

COOK UNTIL IT THICKENS THEN ADD A SPOT OF TOMATO SAUCE AND, IF YOU LIKE, A TOUCH OF MEAT OR VEGETABLE EXTRACT TO COLOUR IT

YOU CAN WARM UP ANY LEFT-OVER FISH, MEAT OR VEGETABLES IN IT, BUT MY FAVOURITE IS HALVED HARD-BOILED EGGS

The Child Won't Outgrow This

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

ALL too many parents believe that cross-eye is one of those things which the child will "outgrow." This is a bad mistake. Statistics show that scarcely one child out of 1,000 with cross-eye will correct this defect without proper treatment. Furthermore, the sooner treatment is begun, the better the results will be, so let me urge all parents of cross-eyed youngsters to secure treatment for them at once.

Cross-eye seems to run in certain families.

About nine out of 10 children whose eyes are crossed before the age of six have some abnormal condition of the eye muscles.

Frightened At Birth

At birth, all babies are frightened. This condition is soon outgrown and, by the time the child is eight years old, he has normal vision. In some instances, however, this frightenedness remains. In these cases, there is a tendency for the eyes to cross, the condition usually developing by the time the child is two and one-half to three years old. This frightenedness can be corrected with glasses and, if the cross-eye is due to the frightenedness, wearing the glasses will overcome the cross-eye.

The cross-eyed person does not see double; instead, he sees only with one eye. In some types of cross-eye, the child may use first one eye and then the other, but he does not use both together. If the eye which crosses is not used, the vision in this eye may be gradually lost. Eventually it will return if the child is forced to use the weak eye. This is done by covering the good eye.

Exercises Cure

If the eyes are still not straight after frightenedness is corrected with glasses, and vision has been returned to the weak eye by keeping the good eye covered, an operation may be necessary. Only children whose eyes are crossed slightly can be cured by glasses and eye exercises alone. Eye exercises do not strengthen the weak muscles of the eye. Their action is to teach the child to use his two eyes together. If the eye is severely crossed, taking exercises week after week will not strengthen them.

If, by the time a child is a year old, there is evidence of cross-eye, he should be taken to an eye specialist for examination. The doctor will then decide if correction of the vision with glasses is indicated and when the glasses should be put on. He will also determine what other treatment may be required at a later date.

Psychological Factors May Cause This Child Problem

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

ANY parent worrying about the problem of bedwetting in her child should have this child carefully studied by her physician to be sure any physical cause is discovered and corrected. But while an occasional bedwetter is in need of prolonged medical care, most are psychological cases.

Normally the child sleeps dry all night before the age of four or five. But many parents so eager for this attainment then or earlier get so worked up over the matter that their own emotional upset prolongs the problem more or less indefinitely. Those parents who use good common sense and take up the youngster when they go to bed themselves, usually find this child gradually growing confident. They arm him with a rubber sheet and don't get panicky if he isn't always dry in the morning even when he is much older. Of course, they celebrate his success in the morning while they avoid anger or discouragement and shaming or disapproval of him for any failure.

PROBLEM GROWS

It's when the youngster is six, eight or older that the problem grows hardest. Indeed, the older the bedwetting child the more upset his parents grow about the matter and the more they arouse emotions and attitudes in him unfavourable for his recovery. What a painful experience it must be for the bedwetting child eight or ten, who must constantly face rebuke and shame and disgrace from his family, even from the relatives and neighbours. As long as he is under such a cloud of ignominy he may not recover.

Imagine what it must mean to the child of any age to be reminded constantly in the late afternoon and at the evening meal not to drink any liquid, lest he wet the bed. Of course, the less water in him the less can escape from him. But the psychological effect of such warnings can add many more times to his bedwetting than all the liquids he could drink. Besides, the child who long has faced such suggestions may have so much practice at avoiding liquids as never to consume enough of such the rest of his life.

UNDER CONTROL

Most parents of the bedwetting child over four or five would do well to forget all about his bedwetting for some days in order to get themselves under emotional control and to assure the child the matter is not at all serious. Then, before beginning a training programme

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Shoulder Stole of Fake Fur—For Chic Warmth

Make all of one colour—black, brown, gray or line with a contrasting color—gray with black, for instance.

Crosswise Edges Together

Cut fur fabric in half lengthwise. Seam two crosswise edges together as at A. Press seams open.

If 50" lining is used, tear to half lengthwise and seam to center as for fur fabric. Lining fabric is narrow, use two yards and cut to same width as stole.

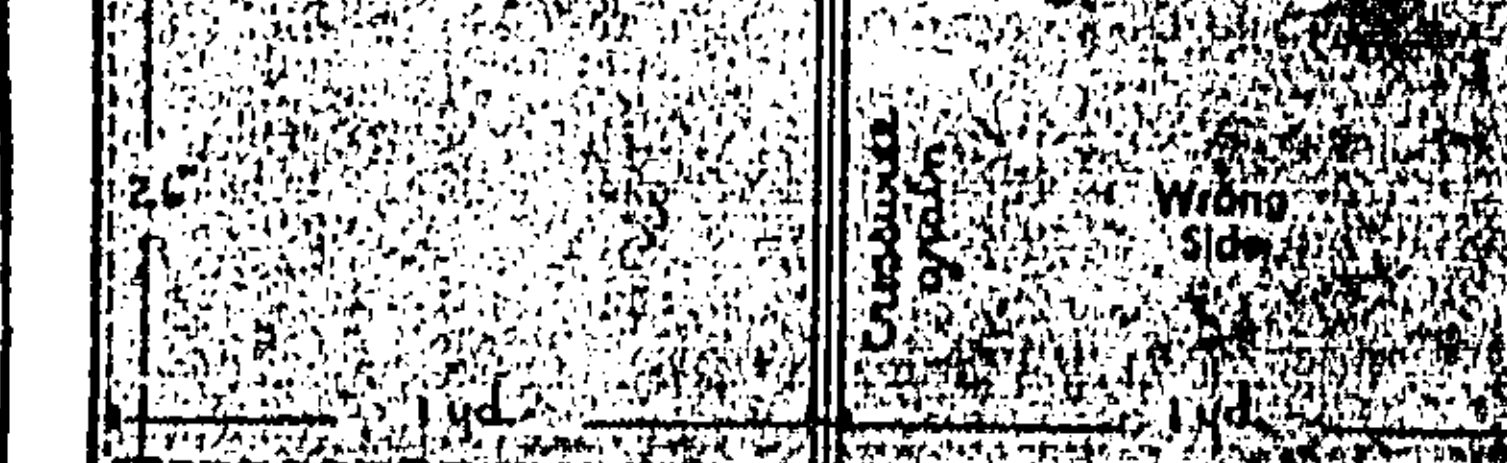
Lay right sides of fabric together, centre seams meeting. Stitch 1/2" from edge all around, leaving an opening as at B. Clip off corners, as at C. Press all seams open.

When the suit is not quite warm enough, or the coat too tailored for a dress-up dress, have at hand a stole like this which has in itself the dressed-upness you want, and warmth besides.

Buy Two Yards

Buy 1 yard of one of the flat fake-fur fabrics and 1 yard of 50" width lining fabric or 2 yards of narrower width. Use wool jersey, crepe, taffeta or satin for lining, depending on the effect desired.

If desired, patch pockets, convenient for handkerchiefs or gloves, can be made and stitched to the lining at one end before top of lining is stitched to stole.



Caffeine-free Coffee Recipes Good For Children's Party

By ALICE DENHOFF

For children's parties, it is good to know that the new version of caffeine-free coffee is better than ever. So, if you want to do right by the youngsters and treat them to delicious coffee treats and do the same for adults who can't get along with caffeine—and there are many such—here is a batch of new and splendid recipes.

To prepare 4 servings of a delicious drink, hot colofate, make one strong coffee by using 1 1/2 tsp. instant decaffeinated coffee to each c. (1 1/2 pint) of water. Add 2 squares unsweetened chocolate to made coffee in top of double boiler; place over low heat, stirring until chocolate is melted and blended. Add 4 tsp. sugar, and a dash of salt; boil 4 min. stirring constantly. Place over boiling water, then add 3 c. milk gradually stirring constantly; heat. When hot, beat with rotary beater until frothy. Serve hot topped with whipped cream if desired. How the youngsters (and grown-ups, too) will go for that one!

Chocolate Souffle. For something different serve a delicate chocolate souffle, this recipe for 6. Melt 3 tsp. butter in saucepan. Add 2 tsp. flour, 2 tsp. instant decaffeinated coffee, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. water; stir until smooth. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Beat 3 egg yolks until thick and light; add 1/2 c. sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Add the coffee mixture and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Beat 3 egg whites until they hold up in moist peaks. Fold in coffee-egg mixture. Turn into greased one-quart baking dish. Place in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350 F.) 45 min. or until done. Serve with custard sauce or cream.

Pleasing Variation. For a pleasing variation use foregoing recipe, adding 1/2 c. shredded coconut, cut with the instant decaffeinated coffee. The youngsters will go for frosted coffee. To prepare 4-6 servings, mix 2 tsp. instant decaffeinated coffee and 1 1/2 c. cool water in pitcher; stir until coffee is dissolved. Add 1 1/2 c. milk and 5 tsp. chocolate syrup; blend. Sweeten to taste, then chill. Pour into tall glasses and add about 1/4 c. chocolate or vanilla ice cream to each glass. Stir until well blended; serve at once.

Effective Gold Touch



By ALICE ALDEN

Gold metal jewelry, simple but effective in design, striking yet never overpowering is perfect for wear with simple daytime clothes, sports wear and the costume casual. Tritani's contribution to the classic costume jewelry show-case is this gold bezel shape joined together in a brightly flexible combination consisting of earrings, bracelet and necklace.

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• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

A MAN recently returned from Andorra has sent me a snapshot of the House of Calones, into which I and my companion, "El Demonio" Shy, strode, shouting and threatening, a hundred thousand years ago.

There is the same low door, and the window of the little room above, where we lay sleeping all night, since sleep in youth is a waste of time.

When I was last there I thought the place was in peril from modern beastliness. I might have known that the Andorrans are made of finer stuff.

As I gaze at the snapshot my imagination leads me into the dark room where we drank our wine and brawled.

Oh, thrice blessed and happy House of Calones, may you long endure to gladden the hearts of strong young men when the Demonio and I crouch, boasting, above the glowing embers of an old man's fire.

The Trombone Controversy

Dainty women did not rush about the streets martyring themselves for women's rights in order that modern girls should play the trombone...

I never beheld a saucer sight than Mrs. Wibstock, seated like an English rose amid the blaring brass of the Covendale and Sedgely Cross Band...

If women enter the coarse world of the trombone, they will lose their sweet helplessness and men will treat them as trombonists rather than women.

What is toldero?

THE first meeting of the Commission Appointed to Inquire Into the Component Ingredients of Rhubarb-Puffs was attended by 149 experts flown from all parts of England. There was a sensation when Cocklecarrot asked, "What is toldero?" Professor Cowpawley said, "It is not actually known what it is." "Then how do you know when you find it in food?" asked the judge. "You detect its presence," was the reply. "The presence of what?" asked Cocklecarrot. "The thing we call toldero!" answered the professor. "What

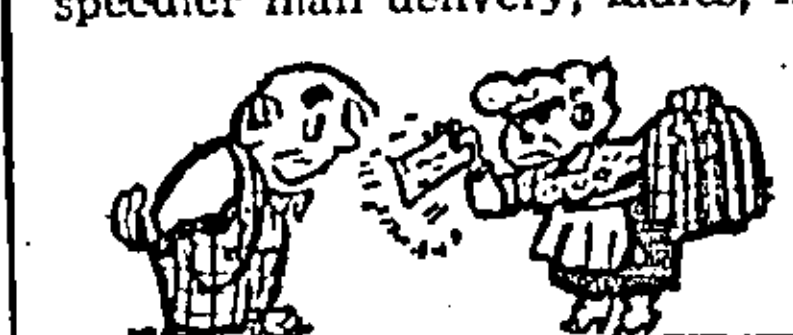
• BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

YOU can't blame old-fashioned elderly women for being proud of their gray hair. It's perfectly natural!

Bandits recently got \$3,000 from a doctor's safe. It might interest other doctors to know his collection methods.

Maybe the best suggestion for speedier mail delivery, ladies, is



Some women who would go through anything for friend hubby, start with his bank account.

POCKET CARTOON

ARTIE'S HEADLINE



DUMB-BELLS



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

If you are born today, you have tremendous potentialities which can be at the top of your calling, provided you learn to concentrate on one thing at a time. Don't let your many gifts go undeveloped. You have a keen mind and an original one. You are ambitious to succeed and are willing to work for it.

You are exceptionally intuitive — even psychic at times. Be sure to pay attention to your hunches. Whenever you go contrary to them, or permit yourself to be "convinced against your will," you are usually headed for a mistake in judgment.

Your analytical mind is capable of solving all kinds of problems. You are a good mixer. People either like or dislike you heartily as a result since you are such a positive personality.

There is no middle ground. Being an excellent propagandist, you know how to promote a new idea, especially if it is your own. You are original and philosophical in your thinking and may have some new and exciting theory to offer the world. Interested in the welfare of others, you might enter politics as a means of executing your ideas. You have talent as a public speaker as well.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

AQARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Finish something already started. Do some necessary shopping for the house.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — You will need to work at high pressure if you are to get all that is demanded of you completed today.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — If shopping is a recreation, this is a fine day for you ladies to indulge in it. Bargains aplenty!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — Be host or hostess to a group of congenial friends. You may hear some interesting news.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Study some neighborhood problem, thereby solving it. Make plans for civic improvements.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — The morning hours are best for concentrated work. Get a lot done. Time enough, later, to play.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Complete some task which needs

doing, promptly. You might go over your budget to advantage, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — You may concentrate on pleasurable activities just now. It's good for you to get a change of scene.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Study some new work problem carefully and get a line on solving tangles connected with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Write an important letter to one of the family who is at a distance. Make a definite decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Pursuing a hobby can bring definite satisfaction. If you need advice, seek it freely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — It is important that you concentrate on doing a job thoroughly. Don't slight obligations.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Pennsylvania Player Missed The Boat

BY OSWALD JACOBY

PLEASE comment on the bidding of this hand," requests an Allentown correspondent. "It looks to me as though South ought to play the hand at three no-trump instead of four spades. He's safe enough if clubs aren't opened, or if they split 4-4. But I'll be darned if I can see who ought to bid no-trump, when neither North nor South has any semblance of a club stopper.

"The defenders led three rounds of clubs, and South ruffed the third round with the nine of spades. He then laid down the three top trumps, discovering the bad news. He next tried to run the diamonds, hoping that West would follow to three rounds, in which case dummy would lead a fourth diamond to get rid of the losing heart from the South hand. However, West ruffed the third diamond, and South eventually had to lose a heart trick.

"What do you think of all this?"

I think that my Pennsylvania friend is trying to pull my leg. To begin with, three no-trump is a very poor

NORTH 11
484
743
AKJ86
732

WEST
AJ752
Q98
73
AKJ104

EAST
43
J1062
952
AK86

SOUTH (D)
AKQ109
AK5
Q104
95
Both vul.

South West North East
1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 4 Pass
4 Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—4♣

contract—even though the actual 4-4 club break permits it to be made against any defense. In the second place, five diamonds is a very easy contract, and South should have bid it. In the third place, South could and should have made his contract of four spades.

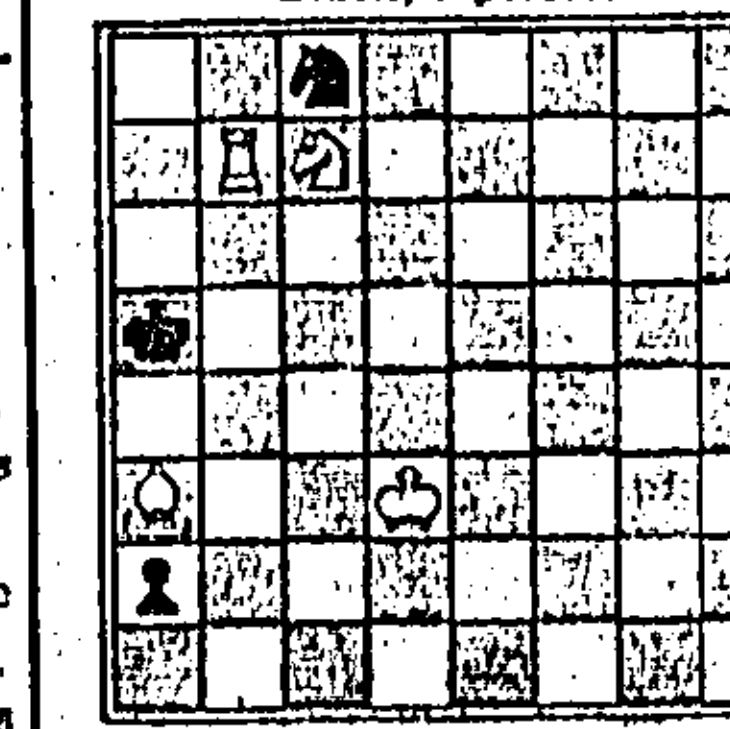
The play at four spades is very interesting. When South ruffs the third round of clubs, he should see that four trumps to the jack would be very awkward. Hence he should immediately lead the ten of spades!

The chances are that West would play low—not dreaming that South would make such a play with the three top trumps. Then South would make the rest!

Even if West took the jack of spades, he could do no further damage. If he led another club, dummy would ruff. (This is why South must give up a trump-trick at once rather than later on.) If West leads anything else, South regains the lead, draws the rest of the trumps, and runs the diamonds.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. E. WESTBURY
Black, 3 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Qxh4 any; 2. Q, R (ch, or d4 ch), or F mates.

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Imminent Issue Of Steel Stock Affects Gilt-Edged Market

At the time of writing the new Southern Rhodesian loan seems to have run into difficulties. Application lists closed at the appointed hour and City sources estimate that up to 30 per cent of the new stock has been left with the underwriters.

This is in marked contrast to the recent experience of Kenya which raised a loan with almost ridiculous ease. As these two loans were introduced into the Market within a fortnight of each other it is well to examine the reasons why one succeeded and the other (apparently) failed.

In the first place the terms offered by Southern Rhodesia were influenced by the success of the Kenya loan but the authorities apparently over-estimated the Market's readiness to accept less favourable terms.

The main difference between the Southern Rhodesian and Kenya loans was in the length of their respective lives. Both were three and a half per cent loans issued at par but the Kenya stock is redeemable in 1973 to 1978, seven years before the Southern Rhodesian. This difference alone could account for the less favourable reception of the Southern Rhodesian loan but there is another reason why it has not gone so well.

The Kenya loan was so heavily over-subscribed that underwriters turned down this annoyed small investors and it now seems they have decided to leave this field to large institutional investors.

The Southern Rhodesian loan was launched in the gilt-edged market at a time when prices were steadily falling. The main reason for this decline in the general level of gilt-edged prices has been the uneasiness at the trend of international affairs. Selling has been on a small scale but there has been an absence of support and prices have languished.

The dominant factor in the gilt-edged market is the nearness of the large issue of steel stock in connection with the nationalisation of the iron and steel industry. Vesting day is Feb. 15 and the market is expected, long before this, to see some sign of official support to prepare the way for the issue of an estimated £350,000,000 of three and a half per cent long-dated stock and such signs have been conspicuous by their absence.

Economists have been warning the financial authorities for some time now that it is useless to urge the people to save while the value of money is falling. For every pound he put away before 1945 the saver had only 15s. 10d. of value last August and since then the purchasing power of his savings has probably deteriorated further.

The same reasoning is now being applied to the Government's policy of amassing gold. Is it wise to build up large reserves of gold while prices are rising against it?

OUT OF DATE
 A year ago, while the experiment of devaluation was still in its infancy, this amassing of gold

was no doubt the only wise course for the financial authorities to take. The fact that it succeeded beyond their most optimistic forecast is no reason for criticising them now. The financial policy a year ago was directed towards the ultimate aim of removing restrictions on sterling and restoring full convertibility which is recognised as the only means by which London can regain its position as the financial capital of the world.

But a great deal has happened in the last year—and particularly since last June—to make this policy seem somewhat out of date. As Lord Balfour, Chairman of Lloyd's Bank, pointed out this week, the military situation in the Middle East has made the subject of convertibility for the time being an academic one.

London, Jan. 26.

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$200,527. The half day's business and noon closing quotations were as follows:—

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Further signs of a break-away from the dividend freeze policy were evident this week. The Sun Insurance Office announced a better payment and this pushed up the prices of all shares in the insurance section. Tate and Lyle was another large concern to unfreeze their dividend payment.

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ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"BOISSEVAIN" 16th Mar.	30th Jan.
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100 Years Ago

Hongkong Races

Prophecy of "Brother to Pegasus"

January 30, 1851.
Sir,—Like a cautious jockey, I have waited contentedly and seen some fast jockeys lead the van in prophesying the winners of the various stakes, but though I have ridden a waiting race I have not won. I can come in a winner for though it may be the first race of the kind I have ridden, yet, in the rush, I may land my favourites in the position I wish.

It is not experienced knowledge of the former running of the horse that suggests my conclusions, but purely a watching of the qualities belonging to the various animals themselves, as far as my very humble opinion goes, and also, as far as I dare judge of the merits of the jockeys, of whom I will speak only with the latitude usually allowed to a Public Proprietor who must say with Junius "Stat nominis umbra."

But never mind, we will have no more beating the Bush "lets off" or perhaps my apologies may tire. For the first race the Wong-nei-chung-stake we have an entry of seven, out of which about three may get round, showing the Blue and White hard held in front, followed by St. Patrick and Creditor; the latter proving his inability to make a race with Stakes being any chance of the Stakes being placed to the credit of Mr. Newman's racing accounts.

"CRACKS" ON TRIAL

For the Glenageary Cup, we have a trial of the "Cracks." This will not be a very interesting race, Kathleen taking the Cup from Maggie Lander, but the English Mare showing racing qualities of no ordinary kind, and running that will stamp her in my mind as being the Daughter of "Glaucus" whose form she much resembles. Lottery may amuse himself by showing his plates to the Spectators, in no very polite style for his Jockey; if he is quiet, a trial of strength may prove him a faster horse than Pretender. Gollah does not please men, even when warmed; but Pretender is a nice horse, and a dangerous enemy.

For the Valley Stakes my friends must judge for themselves; Mr. Muirhouse will most likely direct Prince to win, who will not be followed very closely by any other except the Sheikh, who will watch the safety of Prince, his Stable companion, for fear of accidents, and, if necessary, will win.

For the Scurry Stakes, I am inclined to think the branded bottom Tetoy, will give the others a view of his Tail all the way round, and win easily; Cruikshank coming in second, followed by St. Patrick and Creditor.

For the Hack Stakes I think The Row in front, followed by Hail and Arthur, but if The Swede comes no tricks, and makes no outward bound voyage, I think the fellow countryman, (horse) of Jenny Lind will warble "The Pals I left behind me."

SECOND DAY

The Pony Welter will only trouble the Bookmakers to watch the running of the Valley Stakes, without a doubt backing to any amount the Blue and White Jockeys.

Next comes the "great event" The Plenipotentiary's Cup, which, notwithstanding the prediction of myself for the Glenageary, will fall to the fortunate owner of the English Mare, if not to the English Mare, it will be thus. They are off, Lottery, Saint Andrew and the Squire in front rank with Kathleen, Pretender, and the English Mare following; after the trailing of the first round, the "Gallant Captain" does not like Saint Andrew, he makes good work assisted by the Squire draws upon them with the English Mare in waiting; Kathleen is seen at the stile drawn before her old friend; the English Mare is jealous (Her Jockey must be careful not to worry her). She is called up on; Kathleen wins! Not the English Mare! then again but for a moment doubt re-echoes doubt, the English Mare puts out a stride or two not expected, and is landed in good amateur jockey style, the Winner, amid hearty congratulations of the friends of the enterprising importer, who deserves to win the ten pounds additional on Kathleen will make the difference in straight running, although, according to all accounts I have glanced, she is a good weight carrier, and is certainly from her "go" a dangerous compeller for the English Mare, who I think will be "nursed" for this Cup.

Leave To

Appeal Refused

Man Pleads Failing Health

Reserving its decision on Friday, the Full Court of Appeal this morning, comprising Mr Justice Williams and Mr Justice Scholes, refused an application by Ng Tak-wan, aged 50, for leave to appeal against sentence of seven years and twelve strokes passed on him by Mr Justice Gould at the Sessions for possession of a revolver and ammunition.

On Friday Ng carefully pleaded that he was in failing health and he did not think he would be able to sustain the number of strokes ordered upon him. If their Lordships could not reduce the prison term he would ask them to write off the caning.

Giving the decision of the Court this morning, Mr Justice Williams said: In your case we have seen the report of the learned Trial Judge with regard to his passing the sentence he did on Cheng Yu-tin (who was sentenced to five years and twelve strokes on the same charge). One factor which weighed with him in passing the sentence of Cheng was the good character he bore over a number of years.

It may well be that if that case did come before either of us we would not have imposed the normal sentence of seven years and twelve strokes but one of five years.

However, as regards the sentence passed on you of seven years and twelve strokes that is the normal sentence passed nowadays for possession of arms and ammunition and in our view, that sentence being what we consider the normal sentence, cannot be considered manifestly excessive in view of the circumstances and we are not disposed to reduce your sentence. Your application for leave to appeal is dismissed.

On Friday Cheng Yu-tin, represented by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr A. S. Ross, of Messrs Deacons, applied for leave to appeal against conviction. Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Seek Court Judgment On Registration Of Hongkong Shares

A Court declaration that, subject to the articles of association of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. and the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd. each plaintiff was entitled to be registered as the holder of certain of their shares, was sought in an action heard before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning.

It was admitted by both Counsel for the plaintiffs and Counsel for the defendant that the shares were sold by the defendant to the plaintiffs during the Japanese occupation.

The defence raised is that these transactions were illegal and contrary to the public policy of the Occupying Power.

Plaintiffs are the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Nominees) Ltd., Hongkong Bank Building; Mrs May Mok, of No. 4 Dragon Terrace; Hudson Chen Wood, tobacco-filipina, 22 Des Voeux Road, Central; and Francis Richard Zimmern, stockbroker, of 2 Conduit Road. They are represented by the Hon. Leo Gittings, on the instructions of Mr D. B. Evans, of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master.

Defendant is Kwok Kai-shiu, merchant, residing at No. 4-B Village Road, and he is defended by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr P. C. Woo.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

The statement of claim states inter alia that first plaintiff is the transferee of 500 shares in the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.; the second plaintiff the transferee of 500 shares in the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.; the third plaintiff the transferee of 100 shares in the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.; and the fourth plaintiff the transferee of 500 shares in the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd.

Opening the case for the plaintiffs, Mr d'Almada said that both he and Counsel for the defence had agreed upon certain facts. The sole issue before the Court, he said, was raised by the defence which claimed that the transactions were illegal and contrary to the public policy of the occupying power.

St John Ambulance Brigade Ball



The annual ball of the St John Ambulance Brigade held last Friday was a brilliant success.

Among the attractions was a parade of Chinese costumes, both ancient and modern in design. This picture shows one of the charming paraders receiving a posie from Lady Grantham after the demonstration. Sir Alexander Grantham (seated on left) applauds the recipient. — Staff Photographer.

Cooperation In Asia Expected Of Plevin-Truman Talks

Washington, Jan. 28.

Official circles here predict that the French Prime Minister's visit will bring about stronger Franco-American co-operation in Asia and Europe in the face of the world crisis brought on by Communism.

A few differences of opinion as to tactics may still remain after he goes, even as some persisted after Mr Attlee concluded a similar visit last month. However, on big issues, France and America will continue to lock arms and march forward for liberty and democracy as they have for 150 years, officials said.

It is not forgotten here that the first alliance the United States ever had was with France, that the two nations have twice in the last two generations fought side by side in their common defence and that

France remains the strongest land power among the European free nations despite its wounds of World War II.

M. Rene Plevin's visit is generally considered as timely because of the slackened confidence which had developed recently among the two peoples toward each other. Officials here think that most of this was due to lack of sufficient attention paid to the viewpoints of the other country. M. Plevin's consultations with Mr Truman, therefore, should go far to improve this situation.

Americans have doubted that France could show its old fighting spirit, since to them it seemed that the French were slow to resist Communist infiltration and to rearm against possible attack. On the other hand, Frenchmen apparently have feared rash decisions in the United States concerning Germany or Red China might plunge the world into global war needlessly and without the elementary precautions for victory.

NOT FAR APART

Officials think, however, that M. Plevin and Mr Truman will find they are not far apart in most cases and that there has been an improvement in understanding, so that mutual confidence amongst their people can be fully restored. Some recent events already have contributed to this tendency, authorities pointed out.

France's recent military budget has overcome some doubts in the United States as to the readiness of that country to sacrifice for its own defence. They said M. Plevin's offer to provide 20 divisions for the protection of Western Europe was well received here. Similarly, the way the French government dealt firmly with the demonstrations when General Dwight Eisenhower visited Paris made a strong impression here, while more vigorous measures in the defence of Indo-China also revived American confidence in the French.

M. Plevin, who came here at his own suggestion, is expected to ask the United States for greater military aid to the French forces fighting Communist rebels in Indo-China and for stepped-up assistance in building up France's own defence in Europe.

His visit is seen as one of great significance. The liberal and independent Washington Post said today in the column by its diplomatic writer that the arrival of M. Plevin and General Eisenhower in this city in the same week "put cement into the cracks" of unity of the free world.

Drove Without A Licence

James Wilson, 20, soldier of REME Workshop, was fined \$50 by Mr Justice at Central this morning for driving a private car without a licence.

Defendant was cautioned on a charge of driving into a road open only to one-way traffic.

Sub-Ins. A. Anderson, prosecuting said he stopped private car No. 603 driven by defendant outside house No. 99 Queen's Road West at about 8 p.m. yesterday. Defendant was found to have no driving licence. When the car owner was traced, he admitted that he knew defendant and was under the impression that he had a driving licence so he (the owner) lent him his car. Defendant did not possess a UK driving licence.

Unable To Recollect

Anything Says Accused

Man Charged With Possessing Arms

Charged with possession of a revolver, a pistol and 12 rounds of ammunition which the Police say were found in his cubicle, Leung Hong, 39, declared at the Criminal Sessions this morning that he had no recollection of the happenings at the time of his arrest.

Leung is standing trial before Mr Justice Williams and a jury of five men and a woman.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Pope, is prosecuting.

According to Mr Heenan, a Police party under Det. Sub-Ins. R. G. Lau and Det. Sub-Ins. R. G. Lau went to the third floor of 188 Queen's Road East on the morning of March 21, last year. In the rear cubicle, the Inspector found a woman and the accused. When asked whether there were any arms in the cubicle, both said no. Insp. Lau then searched the cubicle and saw a suitcase which, when opened, was found to contain the arms among a lot of clothing. He asked to whom the arms belonged and the accused claimed them. Both were taken to the Police Station, but the woman was subsequently released.

MAIN SPRING BROKEN

Mr Heenan said that the Police Armourer found that one of the guns, a .38 Smith and Wesson, had the main spring of the trigger mechanism broken and was not capable of being fired. The other gun, a .25 automatic pistol was in good working order. Each of the guns contained six rounds.

In answer to the Judge, the Police Armourer, Insp. Perkins, testifying in the box, said that the broken spring could easily be repaired.

Insp. Pope, questioned by the jury, said that at the time he took a statement from the accused he was not aware that the accused was suffering from any mental illness. Had he been aware of that he would have had him examined by a doctor.

Interpreter Tam Wal-hin, who took the statement of the accused, said the latter appeared to be normal at that time.

When asked if he wished to cross-examine the witnesses, the accused declared that he had no recollection of anything.

The statement of the accused read to the jury was that he had brought the guns with him from the country intending to dump them here but he was too late in doing so.

The trial is proceeding.

ASSAULTED WOMAN

Private H. Lumma, 23, of the KOSB was bound over in \$200 to be of good behaviour for 12 months by Mr. H. H. Shing Lo at Central this morning for common assault on a woman, Leung Am-mu, at Wongnei-chung Road near Blue Pool Road on Saturday night.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Sub-Ins. S. H. Yuen, prosecuting, said at 8.25 p.m. on Saturday, defendant had a quarrel with the complainant. During the heat of the argument, defendant assaulted the woman with his fists.

Complainant in Court said she still felt pain from the blows and asked for compensation.

Lieut. D. H. Crake, Senior Officer of defendant, told the Court that defendant had a good military record.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$103 to the owner of the motor-cycle as compensation for damage caused to the cycle. He was also fined \$10 for behaving in a disorderly manner.

JAYWALKERS FINED

Nine jaywalkers arrested on Saturday in Castle Peak Road and Lai-chikok Road were each fined \$10 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Yu Sek, 27, farmer, had his ball of \$20 estrated when he failed to turn up in answer to a similar charge.

The nine men fined were Lam Hon-yung, 27, Liu Chuen, 40, Ho Yiu, 25, Lai Hung, 22, Ng Shu-tong, 28, Chat Wing, 38, Wong Cheung, 38, Au Kin-cheung, 35, and Tsang Chung, 43.

All were arrested by a party of police led by Sub-Inspector K. Farmer, which carried out a raid on jaywalkers in the Shumshuipo District.

LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA

Among the passengers who left by the St. Paulan from Kowloon Wharf on Sunday was Mr J. H. Ehrlich, Manager of Repulse Bay Hotel, who is taking a round trip to Sydney. On his return, Mr Ehrlich will become Manager of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Also departing by the St. Paulan were Mr A. E. P. Guest, well-known Colony sportsman, and Mr W. D. McMaster, of the Kowloon Dock, both going to Australia on retirement.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

(1) Eleven guinea scored and six different results. So the correct scores were — 0-0 1-0 1-1 1-2 2-0 2-1 2-2 3-0 3-1 3-2 4-0 4-1 4-2 5-0 5-1 5-2 6-0 6-1 6-2 7-0 7-1 7-2 8-0 8-1 8-2 9-0 9-1 9-2 10-0 10-1 10-2 11-0 11-1 11-2 12-0 12-1 12-2 13-0 13-1 13-2 14-0 14-1 14-2 15-0 15-1 15-2 16-0 16-1 16-2 17-0 17-1 17-2 18-0 18-1 18-2 19-0 19-1 19-2 20-0 20-1 20-2 21-0 21-1 21-2 22-0 22-1 22-2 23-0 23-1 23-2 24-0 24-1 24-2 25-0 25-1 25-2 26-0 26-1 26-2 27-0 27-1 27-2 28-0 28-1 28-2 29-0 29-1 29-2 30-0 30-1 30-2 31-0 31-1 31-2 32-0 32-1 32-2 33-0 33-1 33-2 34-0 34-1 34-2 35-0 35-1 35-2 36-0 36-1 36-2 37-0 37-1 37-2 38-0 38-1 38-2 39-0 39-1 39-2 40-0 40-1 40-2 41-0 41-1 41-2 42-0 42-1 42-2 43-0 43-1 43-2 44-0 44-1 44-2 45-0 45-1 45-2 46-0 46-1 46-2 47-0 47-1 47-2 48-0 48-1 48-2 49-0 49-1 49-2 50-0 50-1 50-2 51-0 51-1 51-2 52-0 52-1 52-2 53-0 53-1 53-2 54-0 54-1 54-2 55-0 55-1 55-2 56-0 56-1 56-2 57-0 57-1 57-2 58-0 58-1 58-2 59-0 59-1 59-2 60-0 60-1 60-2 61-0 61-1 61-2 62-0 62-1 62-2 63-0 63-1 63-2 64-0 64-1 64-2 65-0 65-1 65-2 66-0 66-1 66-2 67-0 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